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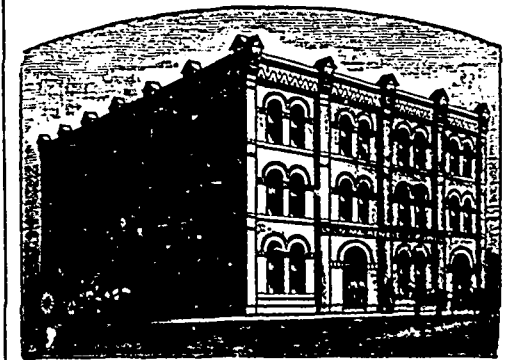
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Manitoba.

McVicar will move his brickmaking outfit from Carberry to Sidney.

N. Bawlf, of Winnipeg, will build an elevator at Rapid City, this summer.

The Hotel du Canada, Winnipeg, has passed into the hands of Mr. Benard.

John Darling has opened a boot and shoe repairing shop at Pilot Mound.

J. H. Ruddell has purchased the stock of E. Bowers, harness maker, Morden.

Work has been commenced on the building for the Pilot Mound cheese factory.

Storey & Avison, general merchants, Wawanesa, are enlarging their store building.

Mullins & McIntosh, butchers, Virden, are dissolving partnership; Mullins goes out.

W. H. Alley, jeweler, of Winnipeg, contemplates opening in that business at Brandon.

W. J. Smale, of Carberry, who was reported as going out of business, has no such intention.

Jas. Bertlott, has purchased an interest in the jewelry business of P. G. Durst, Brandon.

The stationery and fancy goods store of P. Gillies, Winnipeg, has been sold to G. Johansson.

F. N. Ashe, the new manager of the Union Bank at Neepawa, will take charge about May 1st.

McCulloch & Co.'s woolen mill, at Rapid City, is being fitted with an outfit of cloth making machinery.

Minnedosa Tribune: "Three thousand six hundred bushels of potatoes have been shipped

from Minnedosa to points in the United States within the last couple of weeks."

W. M. Smith, of Portage la Prairie, sold 4,010 bushels of No. 1 hard wheat last week at 80 cents per bushel.

Rennick Bros., milliners and fancy dry goods merchants, Portage la Prairie, contemplate moving to Carberry.

J. A. Macdonald and J. F. Howard purpose entering into partnership to carry on a general agency business at Brandon.

The Dominion report of public works shows an expenditure of \$60,800 in Manitoba last year and \$139,731 in the Territories.

The Hudson's Bay Company's store at Elphinstone, was broken into a short time since and about \$200 worth of furs stolen.

The Imperial Bank will commence at once the erection of a bank building at Brandon, the ground has already been purchased.

McLaren Bros., proprietors of the Brunswick hotel, Winnipeg, have purchased O'Conner's lively stables and will run it in connection with their hotel.

The Patterson & Bro. Co., implements, Winnipeg, are negotiating for the purchase of the building and premises on Market street, at present occupied by D. Maxwell & Sons.

George Mitchell has opened in the watchmaking and jewelry business at Wawanesa. Cowan has opened a blacksmith shop at Wawanesa. G. Wilkie will open a carriage repair shop at Wawanesa.

Wake & Son are closing their butcher shop at Neepawa. The son and G. Bloxome have the contract for supplying beef to the contractors on the Calgary and Edmonton railway, and will move to Calgary.

El. Boyce, of Boyce's carriage works, Winnipeg, sent out two hotel busses last week from his factory here. One went to Revelstoke, B. C., and the other to E. H. son, Min. Winnipeg's manufacturing interests are extending.

Massey & Co., implements, Winnipeg, contemplate extending their fine brick building, occupied as their head office in the city, to cover the property adjoining them to the east, on William street, upon which are now two frame buildings, owned by the company and used as warehouses. This would mean an extension of 60 feet to their present brick building, and would make it a very fine block indeed.

I. M. Ross recently stated that there was not the least doubt but that the Duluth & Winnipeg railway company would push the construction of its line to Winnipeg as rapidly as possible, now that the Minnesota legislature had settled the land grant question. He would not be surprised if the line reached the Red river, opposite Winnipeg, before the snow flies next fall.

Notice of application for a charter has been given by the "Manitoba Music Co. (L'd.)" for the purpose of carrying on a business in pianos, organs, sewing machines, stationery and fancy goods. The head quarters of the company will be at Winnipeg, and they will have a capital stock of \$50,000. The applicants are R. H. Nunn, Chas. M. Faracy, E. V. Chubb, A. N. McCutcheon and Thos. Hazelwood.

A by-law introduced and passed at the special meeting of the council of the rural municipality of Morton on April 11, the reeve and treasurer of the municipality were authorized to sign a note on behalf of said municipi-

pality for the purpose of raising the sum of \$2,000 to provide seed grain for settlers. A number of settlers in that district were "hailed out" last year and consequently had no seed.

John O'Donohue, implements, etc., returned from the east last week, where he had been on a business trip, procuring new stock and hurrying up earlier purchases. His stock of wheeled rigs had been completely exhausted, sales having been in excess of expectations. He reports that the fall wheat crop in Ontario promises exceptionally well, but spring work is away behind Manitoba.

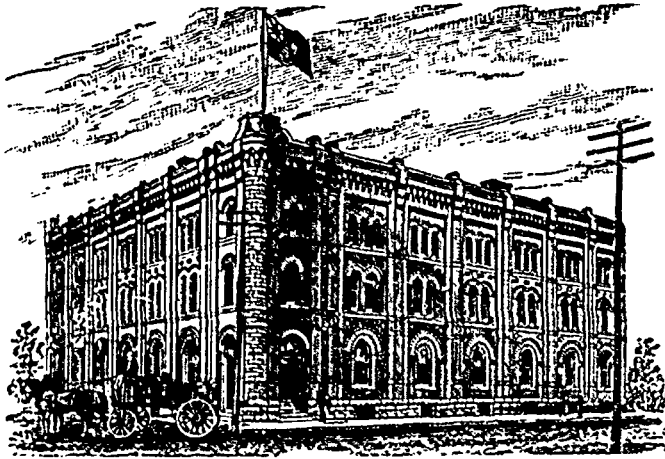
The citizens of Emerson are in a high state of excitement and indignation over the recent act of the legislature by which the town was deprived of one-eighth of its assessable property, thus making it, as the citizens put it "utterly impossible for the present corporation to keep up our schools and our proportion of annual interest on debentures." It is scarcely a year ago since a compromise was effected with the creditors of the town, the basis of which was the then assessable property within the limits of the corporation of Emerson and West Lynne—the latter under the act became incorporated. The new act will have the effect of increasing the burden on the already overtaxed remaining portion of the town.

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Negotiations are pending between the Allan Steamship Co. and the Naval Construction Co., of Barrow-in-Furness for the building and equipment of a line of steamers to run from Liverpool to Halifax. This, however, is only a part of the scheme as it is also intended to establish a line between Vancouver and Brisbane, Australia. The Canadian Pacific Railway will form a connecting link between these two lines thus making the connection between England and Australia complete. This will shorten the journey between those two countries about eight days.

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C. P. R. Enterprise.

President Van Horne of the C. P. R. arrived in Winnipeg on Saturday the 18th accompanied by a number of gentlemen from Toronto, Montreal, Kingston and Hamilton. General Superintendent Whyte was also with the party. A *Free Press* reporter interviewed Mr. Van Horne and obtained some information from him in regard to the improvements contemplated by the company this year. In reply to a question as to the object of the present trip, Mr. Van Horne said: "It is the annual inspection of the line. One object is to decide upon the various works proposed for the improvement of the line during the coming season. A large amount of work is to be done between the Ottawa river and Winnipeg in the way of filling bridges with earth or replacing them with masonry and steel. By the end of the present year there will be very few timber structures left in the line between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, and by the end of next year probably not one will be left. By that time the entire line from Winnipeg to Port Arthur will have been re-laid with new steel rails, weighing 72 pounds to the yard. Three hundred and forty miles of the main line between Winnipeg and Montreal have been re-laid with new 72 pound rails and hundreds of bridges have been filled or made permanent within the past two years. Extensive improvements are also contemplated in the mountain

section during the present and coming year, and very large additions will be made this year to the rolling stock to provide for the rapidly increasing business of the company. Sixty locomotives and a great many freight and passenger cars are already under order."

In regard to the Souris branch he stated that "the Souris branch will undoubtedly be extended during the present season to the coal-fields." Some additions will also be made to the Glenboro branch. He was then asked if the company intended to build a bridge at Selkirk. To this he replied:

"There is no truth in the report about the Selkirk bridge. Nothing of the kind is contemplated at present. Our surveys from Selkirk had in view only the extension of the present Selkirk branch." In speaking of western enterprises he said: "The Calgary & Edmonton railway, which is to be worked by the Canadian Pacific when finished, will reach Edmonton this year and will probably be extended south from Calgary to McLeod, about 50 miles, next year." The question of the rumored purchase of the Northern Pacific's Manitoba branches by the C. P. R. was approached, but Mr. Van Horne declined to discuss it.

The party will go right through to the coast and on their way back will inspect the Prince Albert branch arriving in Winnipeg about May 1st.

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It is expected that during his northwest trip this year, Dr. Selwyn, director of the geological survey, will visit the Athabaska region for the purpose of inspecting the sites of the proposed borings for petroleum, said to exist there.

Winnipeg *Free Press*: "It is stated that the Great Northern railway company will apply to the supreme court for re-hearing on a certain suit to decide the title of Minnesota lands valued at \$3,000,000, which was decided in the United States supreme court in favor of the Northern Pacific a month ago. The Great Northern company claims that serious mistakes were made in regard to the facts that would materially alter the decision and limit the recovery to a much less amount."

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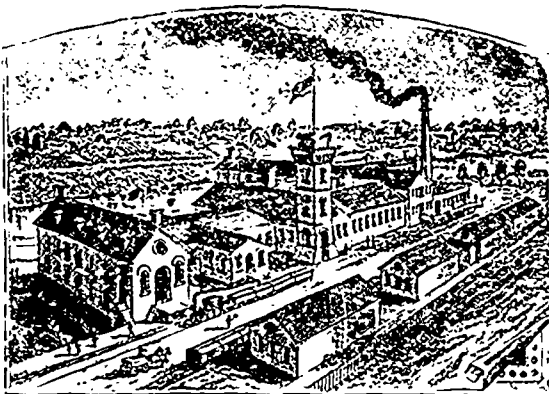
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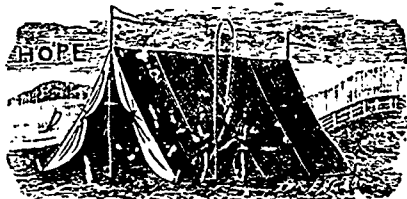
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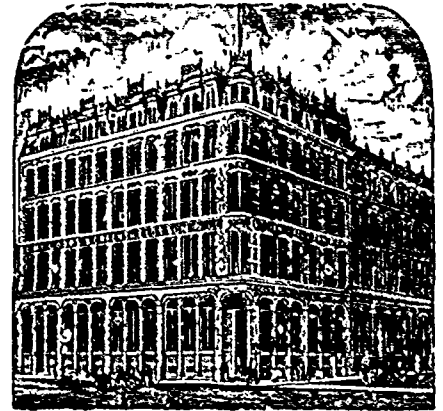


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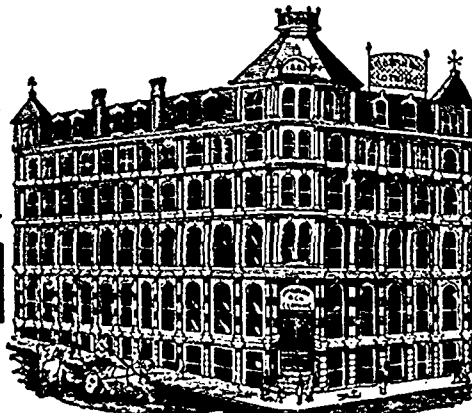
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The annual meeting of this association was held at the head office, Toronto street, Toronto, on Tuesday, March 31st, 1891.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 2 o'clock by Sir William P. Howland, the following, among others, being then present: Sir William Howland, William Elliot, E. Hooper, W. H. Beatty, Hon. James Young, W. H. Gibbs, A. McLean Howard, Walter S. Leo, A. L. Gooderham, J. K. Macdonald, Rev. W. Armstrong, Ph. D. (Ottawa), W. Adamson, W. C. Macdonald, J. L. Kerr, W. Macdonald, J. M. Martin, J. C. Hamilton, James Beatty, Q.C., W. A. Sims, C. E. Hooper, W. R. Harris, Thomas Sanderson, John Colridge, D. J. Macdonald, R. S. Baird.

Sir W. P. Howland was called to the chair, and Mr. J. K. Macdonald acted as secretary.

The following report was submitted:

REPORT.

Your directors have great pleasure in again meeting the shareholders and policy holders, and in placing before them the report and statements for the year 1890. That pleasure is all the greater, since they are not only able to report an equal measure of success as compared with former years, but are justified in making the statement that it has been the best year in the history of the company.

While the conservative policy, which has been a marked feature of the past management of the association, has been continued, a large increase of new business of an excellent quality has been made.

There were received 2,004 applications for a total assurance \$3,193,393. Of these 82 for \$134,500 were declined or withdrawn. Policies were written on the others, and, adding revived policies, written off in previous years, and bonus additions, the total issue for the year was 1,941 policies for \$3,103,487.

The total business in force on December 31st was \$19,311,780, under 12,594 policies on 11,043 lives.

The death claims continue to furnish the best evidence of the care exercised in the acceptance of risks. There were 71 deaths calling for (including bonus profits), \$113,200,57, under 78 policies, which is an exceedingly favorable ratio both as to number and amount.

The income again shows a gratifying increase. This will be all the more pleasing when it is remembered that owing to the erection of our head office building in Toronto, and the changes in our building in Winnipeg, the former was, and is still unproductive, while the latter was only partly rent-bearing for a portion of the year.

The financial statements submitted herewith faithfully exhibit the standing and position of the company, and call for no special remark.

The audit has been made from month to month in the most thorough, prompt and satisfactory manner. The auditors' report is appended to the statements.

The new head office building is progressing, and while the entire building cannot be finished within a year, there is fair ground for the hope that the eastern portion will be in a sufficiently finished state to enable the company to occupy its own offices, and to hold the next annual meeting in its own building.

Reference was made in the last report to the Winnipeg office building. The changes referred

to were completed in due course, and in addition to the handsome office suited to the company's business there, the building is occupied at satisfactory rentals, making it a good investment.

The directors have great pleasure in reor-

ring to the faithfulness of the services rendered by the officers and employes of the company. All the directors retire, but are eligible for re-election.

J. K. MACDONALD, W. P. HOWLAND,
Managing-Director. President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Net Ledger Assets Dec. 31st, 1890	\$2,713,838 73
Real Estate written down	4,030 12
Furniture written off	266 37
	5,246 49
	\$2,708,592 24
RECEIPTS.	
Premiums	\$508,270 50
Annuities	23,225 04
	536,502 50
Interests and Rents	\$160,840 76
Less Repairs and Taxes	10,202 33
	150,638 46
	\$3,485,733 20

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Expenses (Salaries and Commissions, Agents, Doctors, Solicitors, etc)	\$131,374 72
Commission on Loans	1,803 00
Rents and Taxes	4,874 35
Insurance Superintendence	322 65
Reinsurance Premiums	5,018 32
Annuities	3,038 80
TO POLICYHOLDERS.	
Death Claims	\$115,894 84
Endowment Claims	7,622 35
Surrendered Policies	23,467 30
Dividends	42,424 52
Temporary Reductions	33,273 31
	224,672 33
Dividends to Stockholders and Civic Tax	14,683 27
Balance to New Account	3,009,205 71
	\$3,485,733 20

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.	
Mortgages	\$1,858,402 41
Debentures	201,510 76
Real Estate	605,431 41
Loans on Stock and Debentures	144,470 22
Government Stock and Deposit	4,776 54
Loans on Company's Policies	197,162 02
Fire Premiums due from Mortgagors	2,851 12
Furniture	2,307 41
Loans on Agents and Employees on Security of Salaries or Commissions	1,343 67
Advances to Travelling Agents	1,456 65
Cash in Banks	180,851 24
Cash at Head Office	1,426 25
	\$3,121,178 70
Less Liabilities (Current Accounts)	21,832 00
	\$3,099,346 71
Outstanding Premiums	\$163,561 55
Deferred Premiums	29,692 58
	193,254 13
(Reserve thereon included in Liabilities)	
Interest due and accrued	72,068 19
Difference between Cost and Market Value of Debentures	2,018 24
Rents accrued	3,200 00
	\$3,311,643 27

LIABILITIES.	
Assurance and Annuity Funds	\$2,867,255 00
Losses by Death accrued	14,678 29
Fees, Doctors, Directors and Auditors	7,346 00
Held to cover cost of collecting premiums outstanding and deferred on Dec. 31st, 1890	13,326 11
Capital Stock paid up	100,000 00
Dividend due January 1st, 1891	7,500 00
To Policyholders, for Balance of Declared Profits	2,641 53
Surplus	298,896 34
	\$3,311,643 27
Cash Surplus above all Liabilities	\$ 298,896 34
Capital Stock paid as above	100,000 00
Capital Stock Subscribed not called in	900,000 00
Total Surplus Security for Policy Holders	\$1,208,896 34
J. K. MACDONALD, Managing Director.	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the association for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify that the financial statements agree with the books and are correct.

The securities representing in the assets (with the exception of those lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to \$94,394,72, par value) have been examined and compared with the books of the association and are correct, and correspond with the schedules and ledgers. The bank balances and cash are certified correct.

W. R. HARRIS, }
W. E. WATSON, } Auditors.

Toronto, March 26th, 1891.

ACTUARY'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have computed the

assurance and annuity obligations of the association as at December 31st, 1890, according to the Institute of Actuaries' Mortality Experience (Hm) Table and four and one-half per cent. interest, and find the liability thereunder as follows: -

	Amount	Reserve.
Assurances	\$19,191,506 00	\$2,718,253 00
Bonus additions	120,274 00	62,834 00
	\$19,311,780 00	\$2,781,137 00
Less re-assurances	120,822 00	23,311 00
	\$19,190,958 00	\$2,757,826 00
Nine annuities of \$2,986.30 annually		18,470 00
Temporary annuities		93,700 00
Contingent liability laps'd policies (for re-issuance or surrender)		3,250 00
Total liability		\$2,867,255 00
W. C. MACDONALD, Actuary.		
Toronto, March 24th, 1891.		

In moving the adoption of the report the chairman said:

The statements which have just been read by the managing director, and which are now in the hands of most of you, give such a full, clear and complete exhibit of the affairs of the company in every department, that I think it is not necessary for me at the present time to detain you with any special explanations in regard to them. If any explanations are desired with regard to any portion of the statements, either myself or the managing director will be happy to furnish them.

The results shown, gentlemen, must, I think, be looked upon as extremely satisfactory, and I may say that they have not been attained without earnest labor on the part of those who are entrusted with the duties of carrying on the work of the company, and especially of many of the gentlemen whom I now see present before me. I think they will bear witness that they have been working in the face of a depression that has existed generally in commercial circles, and also in the face of increased competition on the part both of our home and foreign companies. I think, therefore, that in looking at the past we have every reason to feel gratified and satisfied with the results of our labor, and in looking forward we have also every reason to hope for and have confidence in the future prosperity and progress of this company. Before sitting down I will make the usual motion for the adoption of the report.

The report was adopted amid applause—many of the gentlemen present taking occasion to express their great satisfaction with the excellent showing made by the management. At the conclusion of the meeting the scrutineers reported the following gentlemen duly elected as directors for the current year:

Sir. W. P. Howland, William Elliot, Edward Hooper, W. H. Beatty, Hon. James Young, M. P. Ryan, S. Nordheimer, W. H. Gibbs, A. McLean Howard, J. D. Edgar, Walter S. Lee, A. L. Gooderham, W. D. Matthews, George Mitchell and J. K. Macdonald.

At a meeting of the newly elected board, held immediately after the close of the annual meeting, Sir. W. P. Howland was re-elected president, and Messrs. William Elliot and E. Hooper, vice-presidents.

Manitoba Legislature.

At an early hour on the morning of Saturday the 18th., the Manitoba Legislature was prorogued. The following list of bills was read by the clerk of the House as having received the assent of the Lieut. Governor:

An act to amend chapter 31 of 53 Victoria, being "An act respecting public schools."

An act to amend chapter 13 of 53 Victoria, being "An act to provide for the erection of a new jail for the Central Judicial District."

An act to amend chapter 46 of 52 Victoria, being "An act to amend and consolidate the Iosano Asylum Act, 1886, and amendments thereto."

An act to amend the Municipal Act.

An act to amend the Assessment Act.

An act to amend chapter 43 of 51 Victoria, intitled "An act to legalize by-law No 62 of the rural municipality of South Norfolk."

An act respecting the town of Gladstone.

An act to provide for the incorporation of mutual hail insurance companies.

An act to amend the Liquor License Act, 1889.

An act to enable the "Manitoba Electric and Gas Light Company" to issue debenture stock or preference shares.

An act to incorporate the "Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange."

An act respecting the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association.

An act relating to the Canada Land and National Investment Company (Ltd).

An act to consolidate the law respecting the election of members of the Legislative Assembly.

An act to incorporate the Norwood Bridge Company.

An act to incorporate the "Farmers' Provincial Loan Company."

An act to amend chapter 55 of 53 Victoria, being "An act respecting the boundaries of municipalities in the province of Manitoba."

An act to provide for the inspections of public institutions.

An act respecting the application of the "Summary Convictions Act" to prosecutions under the provisions of the statutes of the Province of Manitoba.

A bill to amend the act for the protection of game and fur bearing animals.

An act to authorize the city of Winnipeg to construct and operate water works in said city and for purposes connected therewith.

An act to amend chapter 49 of the Consolidated Statutes, being "An act respecting the mortgaging and selling of personal property."

An act to amend chapter 16 of 52 Victoria, being "An act respecting real property in the Province of Manitoba" and amendments.

An act to amend chapter 9 of 50 Victoria, being "An act respecting country courts."

An act to amend chapter 51 of the Consolidated Statutes.

An act for granting further sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the civil government of the province for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1891, and for other purposes connected with the public service.

An act to amend chapter 23 of 53 Victoria, being "An act respecting agriculture and immigration."

An act to provide for aiding the Canadian Pacific railway company to extend its branches in Manitoba and to reach the Souris coal fields on condition of making certain rates for carrying coal.

An act respecting the registration of deeds and other instruments.

An act to amend chapter 16 of 52 Victoria, being an act respecting real property in the Province of Manitoba and amendments.

An act to amend certain acts and to provide for certain matters.

An act respecting the diseases of animals.

An act respecting the revised statutes of Manitoba.

An act respecting a certain agreement between the Government of Manitoba and the Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay Railway Company.

An act to amend the act respecting the revised statutes of Manitoba past during the present session.

After reading the foregoing list, the clerk announced that His Honor reserved his assent to the bill intitled.

"An act to authorize companies, institutions

or corporations incorporated out of this province to transact business therein."

In his prorogation speech, His Honor made a few remarks on the various bills which have been passed, especially on the act for the extension of the C. P. R. to Souris. Of this he said:

"The importance of the measure adopted by you in connection with the extension of the Canadian Pacific railway to the western boundary of the province and westward to the Souris coal-fields will be readily understood and appreciated. The results which accrue from this will not only give increased but needed railway accommodation to certain portions of the country, but will give to the province generally a decided advantage in largely reducing the cost of fuel."

Reference was also made to the advantages which Manitoba will derive from the Hudson Bay Railway.

Confederation Life.

The annual report presented at the recent annual meeting of the Confederation Life Association, at Toronto, shows a continuation of that prosperity which has attended this company for so many years. The Confederation is an institution of the first importance, in Canadian life insurance, and any reference to insurance matters, which did not give the Confederation a prominent place, would be very misleading. The annual report of this association for 1890, surpasses all previous ones. In fact it is acknowledged that the year 1890 is the best year the company has ever had. New policies issued during the year reached the number of 1,941, representing \$3,103,487 of assurance. The Confederation now has 12,594 policies in force, representing \$19,311,780.

One point of special importance to note concerning this association, is its care in accepting business. Over 80 policies were refused last year. This affords great safety to policy holders. The 71 death claims presented last year, is a very low ratio in comparison with the total business in force.

In the west the Confederation has adopted a liberal and energetic policy, and it is the first of the companies to invest in a handsome block in Winnipeg, for its head office for western business. This enterprise will be appreciated, and will tend to increase the popularity of the Confederation in this city.

Sugar Duties.

A subscriber writes questioning the correctness of THE COMMERCIAL'S comments upon sugar duties. For refining purposes not over No. 14, Dutch standard in color, and testing not over 70 by the polariscope, the duty is 1c per pound. For every additional degree, 3c per 100 pounds additional. Not for refining purposes, when imported direct from the country of growth and production, the duty is 1c per pound and 30 per cent., for not over 14 Dutch standard. Above No. 14 and refined sugar the duty is 1½ cent per pound and 7 per cent. Sugar not imported direct, an additional duty of 7½ per cent. of the whole duty. The higher duty on refined will prevent United States sugar from coming into Canada, and THE COMMERCIAL was in error on this point.

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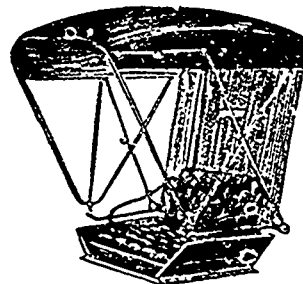
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Great complaint is the rule in wholesale circles regarding collections, though it is more than probable that this is due more to the fact that payments have not been as good as expected, rather than that they are poorer than other years. Most dealers were counting upon easy collections after the commencement of this year, and these expectations have not been fully realized. On the other hand, there is no doubt but that the aggregate liabilities of the country have been greatly reduced since the commencement of the year, while as to the present condition of the country, it is certainly vastly better than it was a year ago. Liabilities were large at the time of the commencement of marketing last crop, there being two years' debts to pay off with one crop. These liabilities have not been swept away entirely, but the present financial condition of the country must be incomparably better than at this time last year. We therefore see no immediate reason for alarm, if payments are not up to expectations. Due caution is always necessary where business is done so largely on a credit basis, but there would seem to be nothing required beyond the usual caution in the present situation. As a relief from the usual report, one large wholesale house stated that collections had ranged from \$2,000 to \$7,000 per month better than last year, for each month since October last. Perhaps if others would examine their books, and think less about what their expectations were a few months ago, the situation would look more cheerful. Discount rates are unchanged at 7 to 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

DRUGS.

Sales in this branch were a little better, and a more lively tone was noticed. Prices are not altered any and the indications are that they will remain at present quotations for some time. Prices remain as follows:— Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphin, \$2.30 to \$2.69; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65; English camphor, 80 to 90; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c. Insect powder pure 40c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

A very quiet week was experienced. There are no fresh fish offering, and will not be until about the middle of May. Whitefish may be had at 6c a lb. Oysters are out of season.

GREEN FRUITS.

There is very little change in anything with the exception that lemons are very strong, owing to the damage to crops in Italy. Very high prices for lemons are expected. Malaga grapes are out of the market. Apples are scarce and poor quality at \$7 to \$8 per barrel. Lemons are held at \$6.50 to \$7 a box. California oranges held at \$4 to \$4.50 a box. Bananas are quoted at \$3.50 to \$4 per bunch. Comb honey, 23c a lb; maple sugar, 12 to 13c per lb; maple syrup \$1 to \$1.25 per gallon, as to quality.

HARDWARE.

No change to report yet. Everything is waiting for navigation to open when a big rush of business may be expected. Price

are: Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.25; 1 C tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25 as to grade; 1 C tin plates double, \$12 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.10 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to 5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch 13½c; 2 inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 3½c per lb; bar tin, 32c per lb., sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 23 guage, 7 to 7½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6c net.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Things are moving along at a steady even pace. A good business is doing in all lines and the prospects for a large spring trade are good. Prices have an upward tendency, but as yet, there is no change to report. Quotations are: Turpentine, in barrels, 72c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 79c; boiled, 81c to 82c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$9 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt.; Elephant genuine white lead, \$7.25; Elephant, No. 1, do, \$6.40; Bull's Head, do, \$6.00; Royal Crown, do, \$5.00; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Red Star, \$5.50; Calsomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6, per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.

RAW FURS.

As predicted last week there is no change in this line. All furs coming in are eagerly snapped up. Quotations will likely hold until the June sale, as follows:— Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, 50c to \$35; do brown, 50c to \$32; do grizzly, \$1 to \$20; beaver, 50c to \$4 25; castorum, \$2 50 to \$1 per pound; ermines, 1c to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$7.75; fox, cross, 75c to \$7.25; fox, kit, 10 to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.70; fox, silver, \$5 to \$90; lynx, 25c to \$3 50; marten, 75c to \$1.85; mink, 5c to \$1.20; musquash, 3c to 18½c; otter, \$1 50 to \$10.15; raccoon, 50c to 86c; skunk, 5c to 95c; wolf, large, \$1.50 to \$1.90; wolf, small, 25c to 65c. wolverine, \$2 to \$3 25.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Wheat made a big spurt on Monday, April, 20, advancing 4c at Duluth and 2c at Chicago to the close. Prices declined on Tuesday and Wednesday, gained some on Thursday, but declined again on Friday, leaving closing quotations on the latter day just about where they were a week ago. There was large trading and great excitement at Chicago on Monday, in a speculative way. Liverpool cables were ½ to ¾ higher. Paris and London were also much higher. The visible supply statement showed a decrease of 157,000 bushels. News was bullish on Tuesday, and cables were higher, but the speculative tendency was downward at Chicago. Wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 400,000 bushels. Good crop weather on this continent was an easier factor. The decline was sharper on Wednesday at Chicago, under plentiful liquidation. Cables came in slower toward the close. Liverpool declined ¼d. Bradstreet's reported a decrease

in the stock of wheat east of the Rocky Mountains of 1,325,000 bushels, and west of 309,000 bushels, an aggregate decrease of 1,625,000 bushels. Some calculated upon a greater decrease than this. Fine crop weather and easier cables were against higher prices on Thursday and Friday, though there was a sharp speculative advance at Chicago on the former day.

In Manitoba interest has been principally centered in seeding operations. The week was most favorable for seeding, and a large area was sown, while reports are coming in from the country that grain sown during the previous week or two was appearing above ground. The spring has been a wonderfully fine one all through, and is in strong contrast with the abominable weather last fall. This is especially satisfactory this year, as it will enable farmers to make up for the backward state of their work on account of the delays experienced through bad weather last fall. Toward the close of the week, reports were coming in from some districts that wheat seeding was nearly finished. This would refer to fall plowing, and on such land, the crop is probably nearly all in. There was of course nothing doing to speak of in farmers' deliveries of wheat, and very little trading in wheat in this market. Holders are away up as a rule. Business was done, what there was of it, on a basis of afloat at Lake Superior ports, No. 2 hard being quotable at about \$1 11 on this basis. Stocks in store at our lake ports were 818,139, an increase of 47,518 for the week.

FLOUR.

There was another upward movement in flour in this market, on Wednesday last, prices advancing 10c per sack on all grades. Quotations to the local trade are now as follows per 100 pounds:—Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers', \$2.70; Imperial, \$2.45; second bakers', \$2.35; XXXX, \$1.85; superfine, \$1.50.

MILLSTUFFS.

Hold firm at previous quotations of \$15 for bran and \$17 shorts, per ton.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Quotations are: Oil cake, in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26 to \$27 in; bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$3.15; granulated, \$3 25 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, 3.25 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$2.25 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

GROUND FEED.

Ground feed is held firm, the finest quality being quoted at \$27 to \$28 per ton for pure feed. Mixed qualities are sometimes obtainable lower.

OATS.

There was very little doing in the way of farmers' deliveries, and prices were higher, 47 to 48c per 34 lbs, having been paid. Dealers were selling jobbing lots at about 54 to 55c.

BARLEY.

Worth locally about 45c.

BUTTER.

The scarcity has in no way been relieved, and anything fit for use sells readily. Prices continue high, and very poor qualities, which would hardly be saleable under ordinary circumstances, bring 15 to 20c per pound, and even higher prices have been obtained for butter which could scarcely be called medium quality. Fair to choice, fresh, would bring 20 to 30c.

EGGS.

Packers are picking up offerings, and this keeps the market nearly bare, so that higher prices have been obtained for small lots. Lots of one or a few cases sold from 12 to 12½c per dozen, and large lots about 11c.

CURED MEATS, ETC.

Although it was expected a week ago that prices would range considerably higher, such is not the case, and we have still to quote at the old range. A change is looked for about the first week in May. Packers are about through with the packing for this season. Quotations are:—Dry salt bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c; smoked hams, 13c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb. bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.

LARD.

Pure lard held at \$2.2 for 20 lb pail. Com pound lard, \$1.90

POULTRY AND GAME.

There is a scarcity of poultry as there always is at this time of the year, but a few turkeys may be had at 17c, chickens at 15c and geese at 11c, or 60 to 80c per pair for chickens. Wild ducks, 40 to 50c per pair.

HIDES.

There is an easier tendency east. No. 1 cows are quoted here at 4½c, inspected, and No. 1 steers at 5c per lb. Calfskins 4 to 5½c lb, the highest price for best quality local tanning. Sheep pelts have brought as high as \$1 each for extra long wool, while some are offering which are not worth over 25c each. Average round lots are worth from 50 to 75c per skin.

VEGETABLES.

The shipment of potatoes south has flattened out, owing to easier markets and warm weather. The very warm weather last week made it very risky handling potatoes for shipment in car lots any distance, as the sprouts grew very fast. Few were offering, but prices were easier, at 35 to 40c per bushel. Ontario onions are offered at 6c per pound. The price is high, but there are no local stocks. Some native green stuff is offering. Prices are Turnips, 25c to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, about \$1.00 per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; cabbage, 75c to \$1.00 per dozen, for good, as to quality; Spanish onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per crate of 30lbs. nett.; common onions, \$6 per 100 lbs; lettuce and bunch onions 10c per dozen bunches; cucumbers, \$2 a doz.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef holds steady at 6½ to 7c for good to choicest, and quotable at 5 to 7 for medium up. Supplies of sheep have been brought in from western ranches. Mutton sells at 14c for choice city dressed. Pork is quotable at 7½ to 8c for fresh dressed. Veal, 8 to 10c lb, for fair to choice. Lambs are worth \$3.50 to \$4 each.

WOOL.

A few small lots of wool have come in already. Prices are likely to range lower than last year. Dealers quote 10c per pound for fair average quality of unwashed, though up to 12c would be paid for pure down wool.

HAY.

There is a considerable quantity of baled hay coming in. The most of it was baled during the winter and was a little damaged, consequently holders want to dispose of it as quickly as possible. Baled hay on track is selling at \$8. Loose hay on the market may be bought for \$7 to \$8.

British Columbia Trade Letter.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

VANCOUVER, April 20.—There is so little materially differing from last week in a business way as to involve but slight comment. The continuation of the beautiful weather has had its usual buoyant effect, especially in opening up the interior. A very large number of persons are coming into the province daily and hundreds are going up into the Fraser Valley, into Okanagan and into Nelson and Kootenay generally. This has naturally a decided reflex

effect in the supply centre of the coast. Business houses report doing a very much larger volume of trade compared with the same period last year, in some instances double. This is particularly true of Vancouver's dry goods houses. Building is in full swing. As an illustration of the changed condition of things, in Vancouver where a large proportion of the floating population was supported by the public work on streets, there is plenty of employment, notwithstanding that street work owing to a difficulty in the engineering department, has been a standstill for some months. That is a result of industrial development. Saw mills are all at work again and making ready for a heavy season's cut. The rush of population to the west and British Columbia promises in itself a large market for mill products. And while on this subject, it is said, and your correspondent has reason to believe that the largest milling concern in this province, with headquarters in Vancouver, has been transferred to an English syndicate for a consideration not under one million dollars. A hint of this was given in these columns before.

There is a general "tittivation" over the arrival of the Empress of India, now expected this day week. It has been definitely decided to celebrate the event for all it is worth, the programme to include a grand banquet by the board of trade, a ball by the art association, an operatic event under the auspices of the women's hospital fund and a general day of sport and recreation. President Van Horne and a large party of easterners will participate in the jubilation. Vancouver and Victoria intend to put on their best clothes for the occasion. It has been definitely decided that the Empress will give the island city several hours call so the latter rejoiceth with its sister city. Local shipping and traffic on the C.P.R. are very heavy. The local Legislature, three months in session, is still under way, but now that the estimates and supplementary estimates have been passed may subside any moment.

No change of consequence is to be reported in the business situation. Flour is still up and unsettled. Fuel and provisions generally are rising with a strong upward tendency. Good butter is very scarce and the California article is all that is to be had. The supply of potatoes has been constant throughout and the prices are from \$15 to \$20 less per ton than this time last year. Fish is not as plentiful as might be expected at this season and quotations are well up. The principal eggs in the market are fresh ranch eggs, selling at 30c per dozen. Eastern and pickled eggs are down to zero. New vegetables are making their appearance, and are quoted quite reasonably. Quotations are as follows:

Batter—California roll, 28 to 30c; cooking, 10 to 15c; cheese, 13c.

Eggs—Fresh, 30c; Oregon, 25c; eastern pickled, 8 to 15c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, Ashcroft, \$30 per ton; Fraser valley \$23 to \$25; Onions scarce at \$6 per cwt, carrots and turnips, \$10 to \$12 per ton.

Meats—Ham, 14½c; mess pork, 22½ cents; pickled pork bellies, 11½c; dry salt, 11½c; roll bacon, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13½c.

Lard—In tubs, 12c; in pails, 12½c; in tins, 13c; Chicago compound, 12c.

Flour, grain and feed—Manitoba Patents, \$6.75; Manitoba Bakers, \$6.35; Oregon flour

\$5.75 to \$6.25. Rolled oats are firm at \$1.00, and cornmeal at \$2.75. Oatmeal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Oil cake, firm at \$19 per ton. Shorts, \$26 to \$27 per ton; bran, \$21; wheat, \$36 to \$38; oats, \$40 per ton; hay, \$17 to \$18 per ton.

Dried Fruits—Evaporated peaches, 2½c per pound; evaporated apricots, 2½c; pitted plums, 16c; prunes, 16c; dried grapes, 8c; black figs, 10c; white figs, 20c; seedless sultanas, \$3 per box; London layers, \$3.25.

Green fruits—Oranges, Navels, \$4.75 to \$5; seedlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75; California lemons are quoted at \$4.75 per box, and Sicilian at \$7; bananas \$4.50; Oregon apples \$2.50, strained honey (California) 13c per lb.

Wheat Prices

So far as indications for prices are concerned, Manitoba farmers are safe in devoting plenty of land to wheat this spring. The world has experienced two light wheat crops in succession, and the large reserve stock of wheat carried over from one year to another has disappeared. This combined with the fact that the winter wheat crop throughout Europe has suffered vast damage this spring, and millions of acres have been destroyed, makes it almost certain that wheat prices will be very high next fall and winter. America will require to produce an enormous crop to make up for the destruction of winter wheat in Europe. Not for many years has the prospect for high wheat prices been so strong as it is at present. With such a favorable spring, Manitoba should get in a large wheat area, with every prospect of satisfactory prices for the return.

A NEW scheme has been proposed by the C. P. R. for attracting tourists to Canada. A number of oil paintings will be obtained of scenery along their line, especially in the Rocky Mountain division, and sent to all the noted picture galleries of America and Europe. This, they think, will attract the attention of tourists to the Dominion.

The tonnage passing through the Detroit River in 24 days last year (1890) exceeded by 3,000,000 tons the combined foreign and coast wise shipping of Liverpool and London, and by 10,000,000 tons the entries and clearances of all the seaports of the United States. About one-third of the whole steam tonnage of the United States is on the lakes, and the ratio is constantly increasing.

J. H. GLASS, of Stevens, Glass & Clark, boots and shoes, London, was in Winnipeg last week on his regular spring trip. Mr. Glass expressed his pleasure at the article in THE COMMERCIAL recently headed "Home Manufactures," which he said expressed the truth. In the boot and shoe trade he said that Canadian factories could and did turn out just as good articles as could possibly be made anywhere. All around, home-made boots and shoes were decidedly better value than imported, and the popular demand for United States shoes was purely whimsical. He knew that large quantities of Canadian made shoes were sold by retailers all over Canada for imported, and the public, or an expert for that matter could not tell the difference. In his factory they had procured exactly the same patterns and lasts as are used in the best United States factories, and they had also secured a number of workmen from the States, and it was simply impossible to make better goods than are turned out of some Canadian factories.

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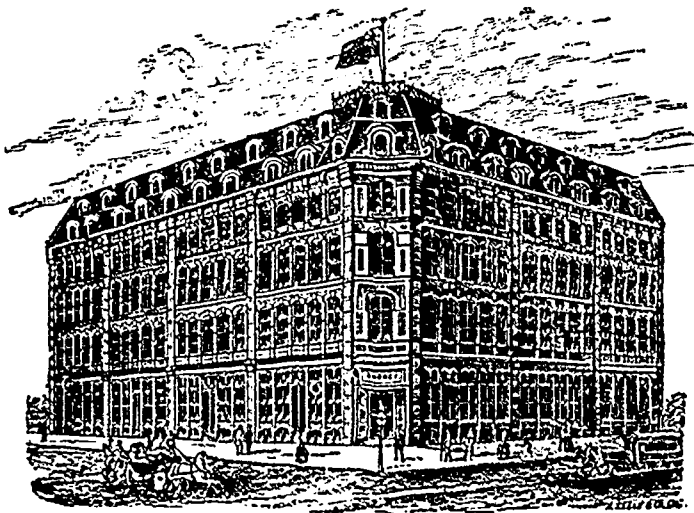
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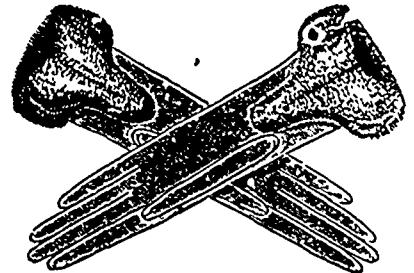
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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

A large speculative business was done in wheat on Monday, the market being at times very excited. Fluctuations were within narrower limits than on Saturday, the range for May being \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.15. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: April, May, June, July.

Wheat opened 1 to 1 1/2 higher on Tuesday and for a time the market was very excited, but heavy realizing caused a severe break in prices. The market was very irregular all day. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: April, May, June, July.

Wheat was weak and heavy on Wednesday. Holders displayed a great deal of anxiety to dispose of their stocks and this proved to be a weakening factor. The opening was from 1/2 to 1c lower than Tuesday, and the close 2 1/2c lower for May and July. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: April, May, June, July.

On Thursday, wheat after a decline of 3/4 to 1 1/2c in the early trading, advanced nearly 3c and closed 1 1/2 and 1 3/4c higher. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: May, June, July, Sept.

On Friday wheat declined on fine weather and weaker cables, and closed about 1c lower. Corn sold down 3/4c to 1 1/2c. Closing prices were:—

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Short Ribs. Rows: May, June, July, Sept.

On Saturday, April 25, wheat closed as follows:—May, \$1.09 1/2; July, \$1.06 1/2, showing a sharp decline under yesterday.

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, April 23:—

Table with columns: No. 1 hard, No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern. Rows: April, May, July, On track.

Flour—There had been up to Tuesday large sales of flour for export and for domestic consumption. Fewer sales have been made in the last two days, while the trade has been interested in the developments of the late break in the speculative wheat markets. Considerable flour beyond production in the same time was sold in the last week or so. Flour was easier in prices than a few days ago. Quoted at \$5.65 to \$5.90 for first patents; \$5.35 to \$5.67

for second patents; \$4.50 to \$5.25 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.20 to \$2.75 for low grades, in bags, including red dog.

Oats—Quoted at 53 to 55c by sample. Barley—Quoted at 60 to 70c for poor to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed—Millers held at \$27.50 to \$28.50 with corn meal at \$26.50 to \$27.50.

Bran and shorts—Quoted at \$15.75 to \$16.25; for bran; \$16.75 to \$17.25 for shorts, and \$17.00 to \$17.50 for middlings.

Potatoes—The market is dull and weak. Prices are barely steady, offerings are larger and outside demand lighter. In small lots mixed stock is quotable at about 90c. Quotations for car lots are as follows: Burbanks, good to fancy, 85 to 90c; Hebron, common to choice, 80 to 85c; Rose, rough to fancy, 70 to 85c; mixed stock, fair to choice, 70 to 80c.—Market Record, April 23.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, April 25, No 1 northern wheat closed as follows: April and May option, \$1.08 1/2 per bushel; July, \$1.09 1/2. A week ago May closed at \$1.39 1/2 and July at \$1.12.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Duluth advanced sharply on Monday, April 20, June option closing on that day at \$1.17 1/2 and cash at \$1.12. These were the highest prices of the week. June declined to \$1.16 1/2 on Tuesday, \$1.14 1/2 on Wednesday, advanced to \$1.16 on Thursday, declining to \$1.15 1/2 on Friday, and to \$1.13 1/2 on Saturday. Closing prices each day, for No. 1 hard. On Saturday cash closed at \$1.09 1/2 and May at \$1.12 1/2. A week ago cash closed at \$1.09 1/2 and May at \$1.13 1/2.

Montreal Stock Market

Reported by Osler, Hannell & Nanton, April 25, 1891:—

Table with columns: Banks, Sellers, Buyer. Rows: Bank of Montreal, Ontario, Molson's, Toronto, Merchants, Union, Commerce, Miscellaneous.

Toronto Grain and Produce Prices.

Car prices are: Flour—Manitoba patent, \$6.05 to \$6.15; Manitoba Strong bakers', \$5.75 to \$5.85; Bran—\$18.50; middlings, \$19 to \$22. Wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.15; No. 2 spring, \$1.07 to \$1.08; No. 2 red winter, \$1.16; No. 2 hard, \$1.21; No. 3 hard, \$1.10; No. 2 northern, \$1.13; No. 1 frosted, 98c; No. 2 frosted 99 to

92c. Barley—No. 3, 53 to 54c. Oats—53 to 54c.

Western Trade and News Items.

The Hudson's Bay Co. have opened a store at Duck Lake, Sask.

A. L. Duensing, hotel, Emerson, Man., advertises business for sale.

David White, jr., is opening out in the dry goods business at Calgary.

Simpkins & Simpkins, tailors, are opening business at Victoria, B. C.

Howell & Logg, tailors, Victoria, B. C., have dissolved partnership.

Carrol & Tyler, tailors, Calgary, Alberta, have dissolved partnership.

Phillon & Co, general store, St. Laurent, Man., estate sold to Caraciden & Peck.

Lake Manitoba Trading Association, traders, Lundyville, Man., have assigned in trust.

Fetit & Ellis, real estate dealers, have admitted William Charles Rodgers into partnership.

Renwick Bros., millinery and fancy goods, Portage la Prairie, Man., business sold out by creditors.

Ed. Smith has opened a furniture store in connection with his harness shop at McGregor, Manitoba.

C. E. Woodruff, carriages, is about giving up business in Morden and will try his fortunes in Vancouver.

Mr. Van Housne has stated that the C.P.R. has intention of making Calgary a divisional point at present.

S. H. Collins, boot and shoe merchants, Qu'Appelle, Assa.; bailiff in possession at investigation of landlord.

Somerville & Co., of Arnprior, Ont., propose to carry on a business in monuments, headstones, etc., at Brandon.

Geo. Stewart, general store, Strathorne, Man., admitted A. Kelly of Brandon as partner, under style of Stewart & Kelly, and have removed to Methven.

A blacksmith shop belonging to John Houston was destroyed by fire at Edmonton, Alberta. The loss is \$1,500.

J. B. Rutherford, general store, Stonewall, Man., admitting Geo. Musgrove into partnership, under style of Geo. Musgrove & Co.

C. J. Reach having retired from the firm of Reach & Baker, general merchants, Mickle, E. C. Miller has gone into partnership with R. T. Baker, the new firm being known as Baker & Miller. Reach will go into business again on his own account and carry a stock of flour, feed and produce.

L. R. Arnett, clothier, Winnipeg, is in difficulties, his father-in-law having obtained judgment against him for about \$12,000. The case has excited considerable hostile comment on the part of the creditors, who see in it a complete wipe-out of their claims, unless some settle ment can be arrived at. Mr. Arnett suffered severely from a shooting accident last year, which rendered him unable to look after his business for some time, during which, he claimed, he went behind. Mr. Arnett claims he can make a satisfactory showing, and in the meantime we suspend judgment, though some features of the case appear against him.

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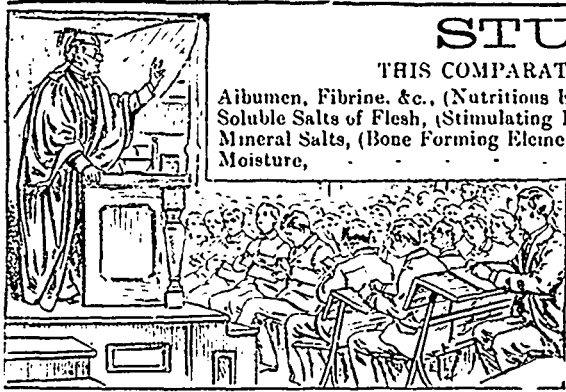
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Eastern Business Changes.
ONTARIO.

John Bear, Deon, has assigned.
 F. Dresch, tins, Elmwood, has assigned.
 Mrs. Burness, bakery, Toronto, is dead.
 H. G. Reid, grocer, Chatham, has sold out.
 G. W. Dies, hardware, Toronto, is in trouble.
 F. G. Donby, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
 Jas. Hall, clothier, Owen Sound, has assigned.
 Jos. Leo, harness, Owen Sound, has assigned.
 D. R. Neving, stoves, Ottawa, has assigned.
 J. R. Grant, general store, Lucan, has sold out.
 Stewart & Kirkup, grocers, Toronto, have sold out.
 George Fisher, hotelkeeper, Bowmanville, is dead.
 Hy. Evison, hardware, Collingwood, has assigned.
 David Jacobs, general store, Cartier, has assigned.
 W. S. Goforth, grocer, Pottersburgh, has sold out.
 Robt. Fife, implement agent, Peterboro, has sold out.
 Wm. Gray, confectioner, Georgetown, has assigned.
 Jas. Burrie, shoes, Paisley, meeting of creditors held.
 Easley Bros., general store, Princeton, have dissolved.
 Mrs. R. C. Warren, general store, Brooklin, burned out.
 J. C. Peppler, general store, Bloomingdale, has sold out.
 C. Peters, shoes, Walkerton, offering 30 cents on the dollar.
 Jones & Beaver, stationery, etc., Port Arthur, have sold out.
 John Stafford, shoes, Perth, offering 25 cents on the dollar.
 W. S. Fletcher, machinery, St. Catharines, is in trouble.
 Mrs. C. H. Sanderson, grocer, Lynedoch, has sold out.
 Kana ly & Bisson, grocers, Windsor, stock sold to A. Gregory.
 D. Knechtel & Co., general store, Hanover, have dissolved.
 D. Matchett, shoes, Magnetawan, succeeded by Jos. Matchett.
 The estate of Geo. Rhynas, drugs, Goderich, has been sold out.
 O'Heirne & Abraham, publishers, Woodstock, moving to Stratford.
 F. J. Maloney, shoes, Amherstburgh, offering 20 cents on the dollar.
 W. R. Thompson, tailor, Sarnia, style of firm now Thompson Bros.
 T. H. Midforth, shoes, Hagersville, offering 20 cents on the dollar.
 Glengarry Manufacturing Co., bakery, Lancaster, have assigned.
 G. H. Whitney, soda water manufacturer, Brockville, has assigned.
 T. H. Rills, Grand Central Hotel, Listowel, was burned out; insured.
 Geo. Maurer, general store, Teeswater, burned out; insured for \$2,000.
 Nixon & Co., confectionery, Ottawa, have dissolved; Nixon continues.
 Higgart Bros. Manufacturing Co., Brampton, are going into liquidation.
 R. H. Klocks & Co., lumber, Klocks Mills, R. H. Klocks, of this firm, is dead.
 G. & J. Kitchen, hardware, Schomberg, were burned out; partially insured.

Helstrop & Mann, furniture, Alymer, have dissolved; Robert Helstrop continues.
 Luncashire & McCartney, foundry, Millbrook, R. S. Lancashire, of this firm, is dead.
 Fairgive & Craig, manufacturers of patent chimney coaks, Toronto, have dissolved.
 Ontario Lumber Co., and Donogh & Oliver, lumber, Midland, were damaged by fire.
 R. M. Wanzer & Co., sewing machine manufacturers, Hamilton, mortgage sale 29th inst.
 Slater, Clayton & Son, Wincey mill, Brantford; mill, etc., advertised for sale by tender.
 Gollstein & Co., cigars; Hintzman & Co., pianos; M. Quinn, gents' furnishings, Toronto, were burned out; partially insured.

QUEBEC.

Jos. Noel, junk, Quebec, has assigned.
 Nap. Morin, grocer, Chicoutimi, has assigned.
 F. X. Roy, saddler, Montreal, has assigned.
 John Haughton, painter, Montreal, is dead.
 A. Fisher, plumber, Montreal, has compromised.
 A. M. Gagnier, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.
 Adolphe Depatie, lumber, Montreal, has assigned.
 Moise Monette, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 Alphonse Locoste, shoes, Montreal, has assigned.
 John Blamires, merchant, Montreal, has assigned.
 Amadee Gagnon, grocer, Riviere Ouelle, has assigned.
 Jelly & Burton, commission, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Bre & Dudemaie, tobacco, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Wright & Hollis, brokers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Remiliard & Frere, foundry, Three Rivers, burned out.
 F. Richard, leather, Quebec and Cap Sante, has assigned.
 L. H. Derick, general store, Noyan, demand of assignment made.
 S. S. Kimball, manufacturer safes, Montreal, has assigned.
 Laurin & Richon, commission, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Fabien Marlean, general store, St. Telesphore, has assigned.
 Proulx & Foran, brass founders, Montreal, have dissolved.
 J. & D. McBurney & Co., produce, Montreal, have assigned.
 Standard Publishing Co., books, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Canadian Shoe Factory, manufacturers shoes, Quebec, has assigned.
 F. X. Langevin, general store, St. Felicien, offering to compromise.
 Archille Caron, general store, St. Pierre de Broughton, has assigned.
 Drapeau, Savignac & Co., plumbers, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
 S. H. & A. S. Ewing, wholesale coffees, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
 C. O. Clark, manufacturer of bells, etc., Cote St. Paul, was burned out.
 William, Flint & Co., commission dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Desjardins, Freres & Co., church ornaments, etc., Montreal, have assigned.
 Wm. Duffy, manufacturer of files and springs, Cote St. Paul, was burned out.

G. E. Beauchemin, liquors and groceries, Nicolet, is offering a compromise.
 Jos. Godin, manufacturer of hats, Cote St. Paul, stock damaged by fire and water.
 J. J. Beaudet, general store, St. Patomeo and St. Jean D'Eschailons, has assigned.
 Piche, Tisdale & Painchaud, who deal hardware, Montreal, are offering to compromise.
 Thos Scanlan, founder, Montreal, has admitted a partner; firm now Thos. Scanlan & Son.
 Mrs. Foley, ladies' and childrens' furnishing goods, Montreal; stock damaged by fire and water.
 Jos. Belair & Co., shoe manufacturers, St. Ephrem d'Upton, has had a meeting of creditors.

NOVA SCOTIA.

J. W. Lockhart, grocer, Halifax, is dead.
 Flemming Brown, Springhill, has assigned.
 A. W. Moffatt, grocer, Amherst, has sold out.
 A. Robb & Sons, foundry, Amherst, partially burned.
 W. H. Teed, general store, Wentworth, has assigned.
 D. H. McKay, general store, Lake Ainslie, has assigned.
 Crowe Bros., drugs, Truro, style now H. W. & W. Crowe.
 Wm. Cummings & Sons, dry goods, Truro, have dissolved.
 Wm. Fitzgerald, shoes, Halifax, stock advertised for sale.
 C. E. McKeen, wholesale shoes, Truro, now C. E. McKeen & Co.
 F. L. Malzard, general store and fish, Arichat, have assigned.
 John Tobin, wholesale groceries liquors etc., Halifax, has dissolved.
 C. P. Wright, grocer, etc., Lunenburg, is offering to compromise.
 A. J. Chisholm, general store, Port Hastings, selling by auction.
 Desmond & Collins, general store, North Sydney, have dissolved.
 McKeen, Moore & Co., hardware, etc., North Sydney, offers a compromise of 35 per cent.
 Churchill & Yarmouth, tins, etc., Yarmouth, are about dissolving, each partner to continue alone.
 Morrison & Musgrave, wholesale tea, flour, etc., Halifax, have dissolved, each partner continues alone.
 Christie Bros. & Co., manufacturer coffins & caskets, Amherst, have dissolved. John B. P'helan retires.
NEW BRUNSWICK.
 A. D. LeBlanc, Shediac, has assigned.
 D. D. Gould, Shediac, has assigned.
 Donald Clark, baker, St. Andrews, is dead.
 Wm. Elder, St. Johns, sold out Daily Telegraph.
 Jas. Flanagan, dry goods, Moncton, has assigned.
 C. H. Goodwin, tanner, Port Elgin, has assigned.
 Robt. Turner, dry goods, St. Johns, has assigned.
 Elisha Tingley, general store, Sackville, has assigned.
 C. A. Milton & Co., meats, Sackville, have sold out.
 Turner & Findlay, dry goods, St. Johns, have dissolved.
 E. E. Ayer & Co., grocers, Moncton, have dissolved.

T. J. Horsler, & Co., tailors, Sackville, have dissolved.

W. C. McKnight, trader, Have'ock, moved to St. Johns.

D. H. Payne & Co., general store, Hartland, have assigned.

Price & Hopper, general store, Canterbury, have dissolved.

Mrs. R. A. Colpitts, general store, Dorchester, has sold out.

E. A. Blacknoy, general store, Elgin, burned out; insurance, \$3,500.

W. R. Gould, jeweler, Chatham, burned out. loss \$250, no insurance.

J. A. Bowes, publisher Gazette, St. Johns, sold to Gazette Publishing Co., Ltd.

Sun Publishing Co., publishers St. Johns Sun, sold to Alf. Markham under execution.

C. R. Mitchell, Sussex, baker and saloon, admitted G. S. Dryden, style now Mitchell & Dryden.

F. Clementson & Co., wholesale & retail crockery, St. Johns, stock damaged by fire; well insured.

British Columbia.

Steveston wants a hardware and implement store.

Roland Hett, ex attorney general of British Columbia, is dead.

W. McGirr is opening a cigar and tobacco store at Vancouver.

Roberts & Nickolls, commission merchants, etc., Victoria, are retiring.

Clark & Co. are opening in the general grocery business at Vancouver.

A. M. Muir has opened an office at Victoria and will practice as an architect.

H. L. Salmon, tobacco merchant, Victoria, contemplates going into jobbing.

John B. Jones of Victoria has purchased the steamer Laura from W. Langley.

W. Harrison, of Vancouver, will open a book, stationery and news store at Steveston.

A Turkish Bath Company has just been formed in Victoria by T. C. Sorby.

C. Windsor has purchased the new North Arm cannery at Steveston, from Rowan Bros.

An explosion in a rock cut on the Columbia and Kootenay Railway near Nelson killed three men.

The work of excavating for the New Westminster city water works reservoir was started recently.

A Mountain, photographer, New Westminster, has sold out his business in that city to J. L. Browne.

The Vancouver City Foundry Co. is adding to its plant by the erection of a large building to be used as a factory.

F. R. Stewart, produce and commission merchant, Vancouver, has decided to add cured and fresh meats to his business.

The Bon Acord and Sea Island canneries on the Fraser River are said to be not among the number recently purchased by the syndicate.

The provincial Legislature after being in session fifty-four days and passing ninety-nine bills was prorogued on April 21st by the Lieut-Governor.

Among the new industries of Vancouver is the manufacture of mattresses for the wholesale trade lately established by Edwards & Son, lately of Berlin, Ont.

The British Columbia Steamship Company's steamer West Indian began her regular trips between Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver and San Francisco last week.

A number of new machines are being set up in the British Columbia Iron Works at Vancouver. The machines are from the factory of Bertram & Co., Dundas, Ontario.

The Victoria tanners, sheet iron and cornice workers' union, at a recent meeting, resolved that on and after the 20th of April the tanners would only work nine hours per day.

Telegraphic connection has been established between British Columbia and the States by way of Mission, Huntington and Seattle. This, it is expected, will be a great benefit to the province.

The Steveston Enterprise says: "J. L. Anderson, of Vancouver, will visit Steveston in a few days with reference to establishing head quarters here for the fishing business in which he is about to engage."

W. Marchant, late of the firm of Marchant, Fulcher & Co., Victoria, has accepted the position of traveller for the firm of P. A. Nicolle & Co., Kobe, Japan, with whom he has been connected for a long time.

The business of the B. C. Sugar Refinery is gradually increasing and it has been decided to enlarge the warehouse accommodation. A large brick warehouse 100 feet by 68 feet will accordingly be erected.

The Kamloops Sentinel, of April 18, says: "The fishing season of 1891 opened on the Columbia river last Friday. The catch was light, many superstitious fishermen refusing to go out on Friday."

The owners of the German bark Hustede have been awarded and accepted \$100 from the Imperial Government for the detention of that vessel in Esquimalt harbor more than a year ago through the action of Admiral Honeage.

W. T. Stratford intends going into the general clothing and boot and shoe business at Vernon. He has purchased property there and will commence the erection of a suitable building at once. He will take A. J. Taylor in as a partner.

The Vancouver Warehouse Co., has been merged into the business of Major & Eldridge, Vancouver. This firm as will be seen in our last issue is erecting a new building in which to carry on its largely increased commission and warehousing trade.

The department of marine has awarded the Albion Iron Works, Victoria, the contract for the construction of a large iron bell buoy, to be placed on the Kelp Reefs. The bell of the buoy will weigh 336 pounds, and will be made of the best bell metal. The buoy will be 12 feet deep and six feet in diameter.

D. L. Lockerby, of the firm of D. L. Lockerby & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, is in New Westminster, in the interests of his house. He is seriously considering the advisability of opening a branch of the business in some of the coast cities. This house handled a large quantity of British Columbia canned fruit last year and speak very highly of it.

Port & Co., fish exporters of New Westminster, sent east recently what is claimed by them to be the largest single shipment of fresh fish ever sent out of Westminster, namely, three tons of salmon packed in ice for Montreal, Toronto, and New York. The other

shippers also sent heavy consignments and the day's record was the best for a long time.

The Westminster Columbian says: "The delicious oolachan—the daintiest fish that swims—has arrived in the river and in a few days they will be so plentiful that the Indians will haul them ashore with rakes. W. H. Vianen has secured over one hundred pounds already. A greater quantity of oolachans will be salted this year than usual, and some will be shipped in ice to Montreal."

The Dominion Government have commenced the erection of a building at Victoria which will be used as a hog quarantine station. The government have decided to enforce the section of the Animals Contagious Disease Act, which makes it necessary to quarantine hogs for twenty one days after their arrival from the sound. The food and attendance will be supplied by the owners of the animals and the shelter by the government.

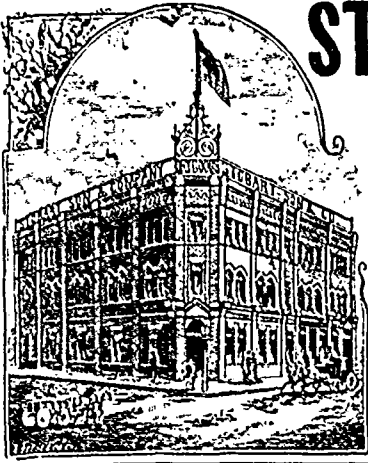
The real estate firm of Bou chior, Croft & Mallette, Victoria, was dissolved recently. In its stead a limited liability company has been organized, to be called the Vancouver Island Land and Investment Company, which will be registered under the Companies Act. The capital stock is \$250,000. The officers of the company are as follows: Francis Bouchier, president; Richard Brodrick, vice-president; Henry Croft, secretary-treasurer.

Within sixty days, says the Nelson Mirror, daily communication will be established between Nelson and the outside, by way of Corbin's, Spokane & Northern railway. The boat now building at "Fort Logan," near Little Dalles, is the one of two unfinished links. She will be 160 feet long and furnished with machinery that will send her up stream easily. The round trip between Sproat and Little Dalles will be made in less than nine hours, as the boat loaded will not draw more than two feet of water.

The Albion Iron Works, Victoria, have received a contract from the Moodyville Sawmill Company for the construction of twelve large boilers having a total capacity of one thousand horse-power to be used in the sawmills at Moodyville. The boilers are of a special design, and will be constructed from plans drafted by master mechanic Randall of the saw mills. The style is of an original character, made with a view to obtain the most possible steaming power from the heat obtained from sawdust and mill refuse. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

An edition of the Victoria Times which it aptly calls "Our Commercial and Biographical Number" has come to hand and judging from its appearance and the fund of information which is contained in it we can readily believe its statement that "neither labor nor expense has been spared to make this issue an accurate reflex of the commercial business houses of our city." It must certainly have taken a long time and a lot of hard, earnest work to obtain the vast amount of data contained in this issue. A number of excellent cuts of the members of the local Legislature are among its interesting features.

Twenty-seven railroads terminate in Chicago. A fine flock of Southdown sheep was received from Nicols Medicine Hat ranch recently, by Carson & Cowles, for the Winnipeg market.



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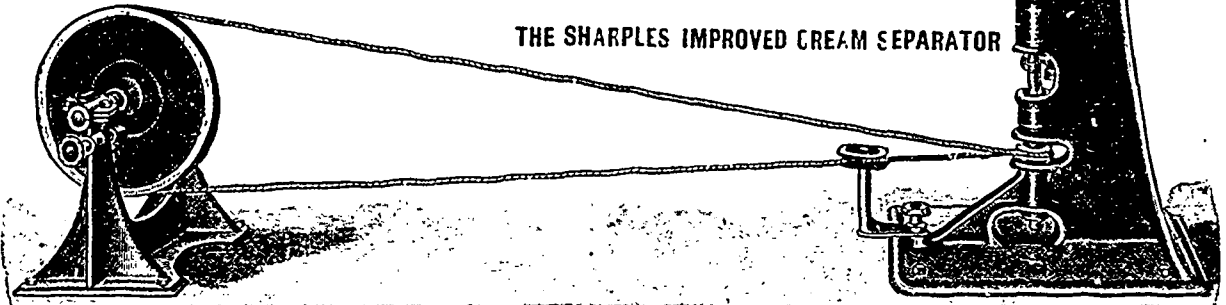
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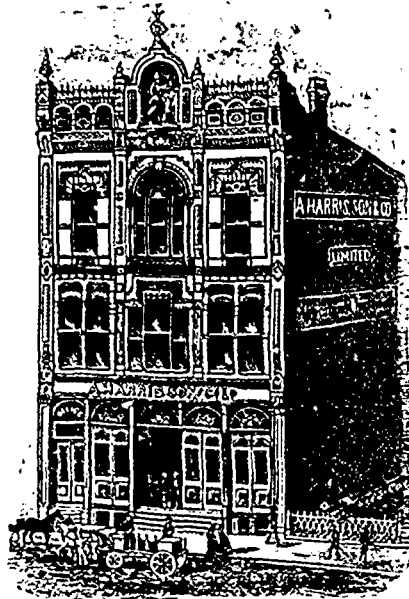
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Market Square, in the city of Winnipeg, might well be termed "Farm Implement Square." On Market, Princess, and William streets, facing on the square, are located nearly all the farm implement firms in the city. Some of these firms and companies occupy handsome premises, as may be judged from the cuts given below. The investment of so much capital in the city, in warehouses, offices and show-rooms, indicate that the implement men have faith in the future of the country.

In a country so largely dependent upon agriculture as Manitoba, the trade in implements is a very important item. Winnipeg's business in farm implements, vehicles, etc., is not far from occupying first place in the trade branches of the city. This city is the headquarters of the implement trade for all western Canada, and the trade will grow with the settlement of the country. The total trade of Winnipeg in farm implements and machinery, vehicles, etc., for 1890 amounted to over \$2,700,000. This vast business has been built up within a little more than a decade. This trade extends throughout the region stretching from the Lake of the Woods to the Rocky Mountains, over 1,000 miles from east to west, while sales are also made by Winnipeg houses to a considerable extent, for shipments to the province of British Columbia, beyond the mountains. There are also implement concerns at some outside points, such as Brandon, for instance, which are independent of the Winnipeg house. This city therefore does not control the entire trade of the country in the branches named. When our vast western country is settled up more closely, the implement trade will reach enormous proportions. With the rapidly increasing population, the future for the concerns in these lines seems promising, though over-competition and an extravagant credit system, has somewhat blighted the prospects of some manufacturers in these branches during the last year or two. Very long credit has been the rule in selling goods to farmers. A binder, for instance, is usually sold on one to three years credit. Free credit at the banks has encouraged this system, and as a result several Canadian manufacturing firms have had so much property locked up, that they have become embarrassed. In this prairie country, settlers do not have to wait for years before they can use machinery, in going on to new land. The second year they will require a full line of implements and machinery, including a binder. A good many of the settlers come in with out much capital, and they get their outfits largely on credit. It is also a fact that there has been a tendency among the farmers to overload themselves with implements. It would be better if some of them would go slower for a few years at the outset, and not try to farm on so large a scale in a short time. Then they would be better in some cases to hire their grain cutting for the first year or so instead of purchasing binders. However, the ambition to get ahead and work on a large scale, is one of the features of farming in the west, and to some extent it is laudable.

Though the implement houses do a large credit business, it can be said that they look after their collection department considerably sharper than is the rule in other branches of trade. On this account one hears a good deal of grumbling against the implement men. It is frequently remarked that "the implement houses are getting all the cash," and they are sometimes roundly denounced for their business methods, particularly in their collection departments. This simply means that they have better business methods than many houses in other branches, and instead of being condemned they should be commended for their ability to get the larger share of the money in circulation.

As stated, the implement trade of Winnipeg has developed almost within the past decade. The trade commenced to assume some importance about the year 1880, in which year the first railway was put in operation in Manitoba. Now that there are hundreds of miles of railway, with many towns along the lines where branch agencies have been established. In 1880, Portage la Prairie and Emerson were the principal points where branch agencies were



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established, outside of Winnipeg. The trade at Winnipeg was largely retail in those days, and in fact the retail trade of the city was larger from 1880 to 1882 than it is now. Settlers coming in, procured their outfits at Winnipeg, before proceeding to their destination. Now that branch retail agencies have been established all over the country, new settlers can procure their outfits at hundreds of points, and they do not stop to stock up here. Winnipeg's retail trade has therefore fallen away, and given place to a large wholesale trade. In the early days the trade was about all of a retail nature, and was practically confined to Winnipeg. To show the extent of the retail trade here, in 1882 the old firm of Westbrook & Fairchild sold 38 wagons and 65 plows in one day, all retail, and as many as a dozen binders have gone off in the same time.

The early Red River settlers did not require much in the implement line. In their isolated condition, they had no export market, and very crude articles answered to cultivate the amount of land necessary to grow what grain they required for their own use. A home-made wooden

plow was used to turn the soil, and the seed was put in with a home-made drag. In place of the binder, a sickle was used to harvest the crops. The plow was the most important article, the cutter and point of iron being made by the local smiths. Later on as settlement extended, implements were brought in from the States, by the long wagon route across the Minnesota prairies. The first implement agencies established in Winnipeg handled United States makes, largely, and for some time after the Canadian makers opened agencies here, competition was keen. Gradually the Canadian makers gained control of the field, though some lines have been brought in from the States right along to the present time. These include wagons, plows and threshers principally. Very few United States binders have been brought in for some years, though this year an effort is being made to revive the trade in imported harvesting machinery. The Canadian makers were at a disadvantage on the start, as they were not up to the business of manufacturing goods specially suited for a prairie country, but they have improved very much with practice.

Prices of some lines have changed very materially since the early days. The first combined binders sold here for \$340 to \$360. Now the improved binders sell for \$160 to \$180, for standard machines, the range in price being for cash to long time. On time, seven per cent. interest is also charged, with 12 per cent. after maturity of paper. Mowers, which formerly sold for \$90 to \$100 now range from \$65 to \$70. United States binders sell this season at \$190 cash, and \$200 and \$210 for one and two years' credit respectively. A Canadian five foot binder is sold for \$150 cash. There has not been much change in the prices of plows and wagons for ten to twelve years. Threshers are dearer now than then, but this is owing to the great improvements made in this machine as compared with those in use earlier. The thrasher of today is a much more elaborate and valuable article than it was ten or fifteen years ago.

For the year 1891 the outlook is good for the trade. The spring business has been unusually good. In some lines the stock of spring goods laid in has been entirely cleared out. Plows, harrows, drills and wagons have had a large run. In one warehouse, at the time of our visit, the stock in a couple of lines was about exhausted, and there was some trouble between buyers as to who should gain possession of the remaining articles, there being more buyers than there were machines. Press drills have not sold as well this spring as last year. Owing to the short season of sleighing last winter, considerable runner stock is held over.

A reference will now be made to the individual firms in the trade in this city, and in order to prevent the article from being tiresome, this reference will be made as brief as possible. Early in the seventies there were two or three firms and individuals handling implements in Winnipeg. These were McMillan & Taylor, West & Tiffney, Harlam & Wilson, Desbrow & Co., Muir, Woods & Waugh and Ed. Kelly. Mr. Muir is still in business here in machinery, but not in farm machinery. The others are all long since out of business.

MASSEY AND COMPANY.

The Massey Manufacturing Company, of Toronto, Ont., opened its first Manitoba agency at Winnipeg, in the spring of 1881. The agency

was opened in the spring of the year named, by Wm. Taylor, and in the fall of the same year was placed in charge of T. J. McBride, who still remains at the head of the business. Since that time this business has been pushed energetically, and branch agencies have been opened wherever new settlements have been formed, under the management of the Winnipeg office. The business at Winnipeg was continued by the Massey Manufacturing Company up to the first of January, 1890. A new company, known as Massey & Co., was formed and took over the business at that date, and it is now continued as a separate corporation from the Massey Manufacturing Company, of Toronto. The Toronto company holds a large amount of stock in the Winnipeg company, and the balance is held by T. J. McBride, and the members of the firm of Van Allen & Agur. The latter firm did business in Winnipeg in implements and vehicles, from 1882 to 1890, when it was merged in Massey & Co.

Massey & Co. control the sale of the goods of the Massey Manufacturing Company in Western Canada. These are: Toronto binder, Toronto mower, Warrior mower, Sharp's double or single horse rake. The company also handles the fol-



OFFICE AND SHOW ROOM OF MASSEY & CO.

lowing lines: Massey-Sawyer threshers and engines, Courtland carriages, Chatham Manufacturing Co.'s wagons, W. A. Verity plows, of all kinds, Cortin disc harrows, binder twine, etc., also a full line of all other implements used on a farm.

The company has over sixty branch agencies throughout Manitoba and the territories. The following new agencies have been opened: Treherne, Carman, Miami in Manitoba, and Duck Lake and Prince Albert in Saskatchewan territory. New ware rooms have been erected at Carberry, Elkhorn, Plum Coulee and Maniton, and new agencies will be opened at Red Deer, Alberta, and Melita, Man. At the branch warehouses two men are usually employed, while at some points as many as four or five are employed. In the city 23 hands are employed in the offices and warehouse, and over 100 men in connection with branch agencies. The company owns its own warehouses, and has about \$125,000 invested in these, including \$45,000 in Winnipeg. The Winnipeg property consists of a warehouse on track, and the city office and show-room on the corner of Princess and William streets, as shown in the accompanying cut. T. J. McBride is vice president and manager of the company, E. W. H. Van Allen, assistant manager, and R. H. Agur, secretary-treasurer. H. A. Massey, of the Massey Manufacturing Co., Toronto, is president of Massey & Co., Winnipeg. To show the extent of the company's business, it may be stated that over \$50,000

was paid in freight last year. Massey & Co. own 60 feet of land on William street, adjoining their city office, upon which are two frame buildings. It is now contemplated to extend the main building over this property, same size as present head building.

A. HARRIS, SON AND COMPANY.

This company, which carries on a large implement manufacturing industry at Brantford, Ont., was early in the field to look after the western trade. The company opened a regular office and warehouse in Winnipeg in 1879, having erected a large building on the corner of Main and Market streets. E. M. Jones was appointed manager. About that time binders were not manufactured in Canada, and the old style combined mowers and reapers were in use. This firm was the first to manufacture binders in Canada, first to use wire, and later cord binders were made. Besides the Winnipeg warehouse, branches were opened at Portage and Emerson, about the same time. Previous to establishing a regular business in Winnipeg the company was represented here for a number of years through agents. As early as 1872, the company was represented at Winnipeg by the late Mr. Banning, and it continued to be represented by agents up to 1879, when a regular branch was opened here and Winnipeg was made the headquarters for the western trade of the company. Their business has increased steadily, until now they have about thirty-five regular branches in the west. The following are new branches for this year: Elkhorn, McGregor, Souris and Griswold in Manitoba, and Edmonton in Alberta. The company employs an office staff in Winnipeg of 17 men, and through the country fully 75 men. The investment in warehouse property in the city and country amounts to \$95,000, at a close stock taking valuation. The company erected a handsome new building on Princess street, Winnipeg, in 1882, which is used for offices and city show room. A large warehouse was also established on the railway track, the two city buildings representing an outlay of \$50,000.

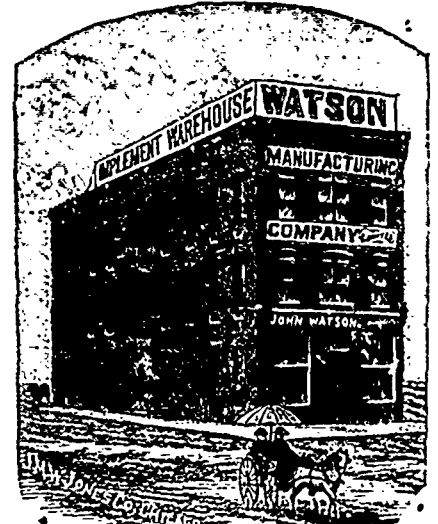
A. Harris, Son & Co. manufacture the following goods: Brantford binder, Brantford mower, iron harrows. The following goods are manufactured for and controlled by the company: Brantford hayrake, Brantford springtooth seeder, Brantford combined seeder and drill, Brantford walking, gang and sulky plows, Brantford Bin wagons. Sleighs, engines, and threshers are also handled through the Winnipeg business, besides the lines named. This year a special brand of binder twine—the blue tin tag brand—will be manufactured for and handled exclusively by the company, and sold with its guarantee. Winnipeg is the headquarters of the company for all its western business, and J. H. Houser is the manager here.

THE PATTERSON AND BRO. COMPANY.

It is only recently that this company, which has its manufactory—one of the largest in Canada—at Woodstock, Ont., undertook to work for business in the west. In the latter part of the seventies, the company did some business here, but between 1881 and 1883, no attention was given to the Manitoba trade. In the fall of 1883 the company established business in Winnipeg as headquarters, and proceeded to work up a trade. H. S. Wesbrook was appointed general manager, and under his energetic direction, the business was worked up to a really wonderful extent within the first year,

the amount of business done during 1890 exceeding several of the older established concerns. Mr. Wesbrook continued as manager for the seasons of 1889 and 1890, and was succeeded by A. S. Patterson last November, who is also treasurer of the company.

The manufactures of the company are: Steel binder, mower, rakes, seed drill, feed grinder, feed cutter, farm sleighs, spring tooth harrow, spring tooth cultivator, drag harrows, plows. Through the Winnipeg business the following articles, not manufactured by the company are handled: Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co.'s Victor threshers and engines, Acma hay ricker and loader, hay presses, Pease fanning mill, Ayeremotor Co.'s goods, of Chicago, Ayr, U. S., plows and Snow Ball wagon. The principal trade is in the company's own manufactures. Sixty-two branch warehouses have been established under the control of the Winnipeg



OFFICE AND SHOW ROOM OF WATSON & CO.

office, most of these being in Manitoba. Some of the country warehouses are owned, but a number are rented properties, the latter including the offices and warehouses in Winnipeg. The company is now negotiating to purchase the property on Market square, occupied by David Maxwell & Sons. New warehouses this year have been established at McGregor, Austin, Birtle, Melita, Oak Lake, and Niverville, all in Manitoba. Fourteen hands are kept busy in the city offices and ware-room, and about 75 men are employed in connection with outside branches. The most westerly branch is at Calgary.

THE WATSON MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

This company, which owns a manufactory at Ayr, Ont., opened in Winnipeg in 1878. The western trade increased, and in 1881 a large office and show room was built on William street, market square. The same year a warehouse was established on track. The manufactures of the company are: Binders, mowers, rakes, and a full line of stock raisers implements, such as grinders, crushers, etc. A specialty is made of the latter lines. Horse powers are also made. In addition to the articles enumerated, wagons, seeders, plows, harrows, threshers, etc., are handled at Winnipeg, these goods being all Canadian makes, from various eastern manufactories. About twenty branch warehouses have been established at western country points, and at some other points goods are handled through agents.

About \$40,000 is invested in warehouse property. About 35 men are employed on commission or salary outside, and fifteen in city. The Winnipeg office has charge of all western business, and is under the management of W. W. Watson. The Ayr implement works is one of the oldest establishments of the kind in Canada, and has long had a reputation throughout the Dominion.

FROST AND WOOD.

This firm of implement manufacturers has its factory at Smith's Falls, Ontario. The headquarters for the firm in the west was first established at Emerson, Min., and about three years ago was moved to Winnipeg. The implements manufactured are: Single apron binder, Model mower, hay rakes, breaking and stubble plows. The Winnipeg department also handles Champion press drills, Champion broadcast seeder, disc harrows, Springfield wagons, and Abel's threshers, in addition to the goods manufactured by the firm. The Winnipeg department is headquarters for all the western trade. The office and city show room is on Princess street, with warehouse on track. These are rented premises, as are also most of the country branch warehouses, of which there are about thirty-five. No branches have been established out of Manitoba, in the west. The staff of employees in the city numbers eight, and forty in connection with country branches. The western business is under the management of J. E. Ruby, who has lately been appointed to this position.

H. S. WESBROOK.

In connection with the farm implement trade of Manitoba, no name is more widely known than that of Wesbrook. The business of Wesbrook & Fairchild, now continued by F. A. Fairchild & Co., is the oldest implement house in Winnipeg. Wesbrook & Fairchild commenced business in 1877, and continued for ten years, when the partnership lapsed by expiry of time. Mr Wesbrook then became manager of the now business of The Patterson & Bro. Co., established a little later in Winnipeg, which position he held for two years, when he again started for himself. For this purpose he secured the large warehouse on the corner of Princess and William streets, which for years was the home of the business of Wesbrook & Fairchild. He now handles the following goods: Case threshers and engines, Ajax and White engines, McCormick binders and mowers, Moline and Wilkinson plows, of all kinds, harrows, hay presses, hay rakes, road machines, scrapers, Van Brunt and Wilkins seeders and shoe drills, Sylvester combined broadcast seeder and press drill, Rutherford wagon, Stearn's wind mills, Lytel safes, etc. These goods are about all United States makes. Mr. Wesbrook's business is of a jobbing nature, consequently he does not have branch warehouses at country points. His city office and show room is on of the best in the city, size 45 by 70 feet, and his on track warehouse is 51 by 195 feet. His staff in the city consists of ten persons.

F. A. FAIRCHILD AND CO.

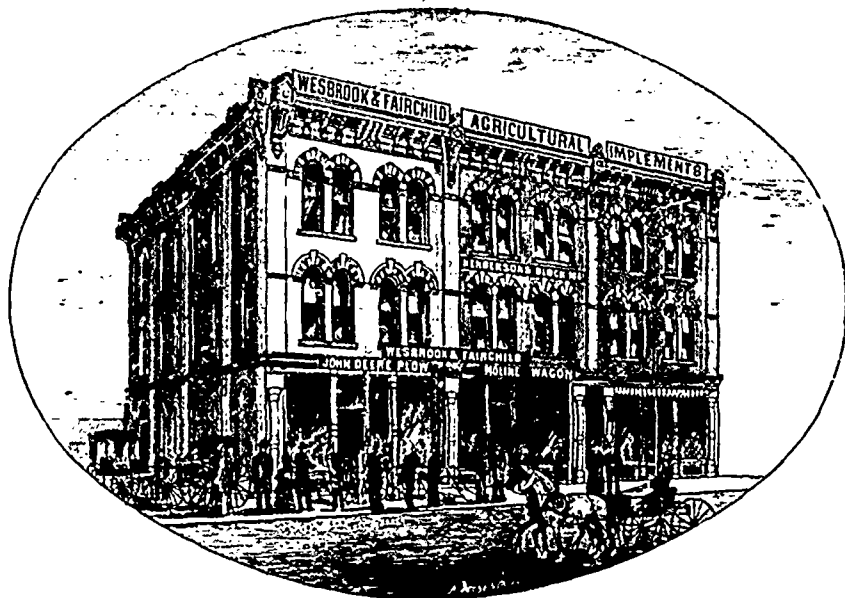
As previously stated, this business is a continuation of the old firm of Wesbrook & Fairchild, and is the oldest in the city. Like his old partner, Mr. Fairchild's name is known all over the west. Canadian and United States goods have been handled from the establishing of the business, and the aggregate sales for the total time have been about equally divided between the home makes and imported. The

first goods handled were the Globe Works' London, reapers and mowers, Joseph Bros. horse powers and threshers, Jos. Shañon threshers, Boyd & Co. threshers, London wagons. All these Canadian firms have since failed. McCormick binders, and other United States makes of implements were also handled. The goods now handled make up a long list, and include the following John Deer plows, Wilkinson plows, Fleury harrows, Fisher & Irwin harrows, Preston disc harrows, Speight wagons, Adams wagons, Moline wagons, Gauanoqua carriages, Fleury straw cutters, crushers, land rollers, etc. Deering Chicago binder and mower, Advance thresher, of Battle Creek Michigan, F. C. Austin's Chicago railroad graders and road machines, Columbus Ohio, scrapers, Waterloo, Ontario, threshers. This year the control of the manufactures of D. Maxwell & Son's was secured, for the west, including the Maxwell binder, and mower, rakes and harrows. The Deering binder is also

loo plow, harrows, bent goods and carriage and wagon makers' supplies, Gu-lph carriage top Co.'s goods, etc.

JOHN O'DONOHUE AND COMPANY.

John O'Donohue has been connected with the implement trade of Winnipeg for about ten years. He established a regular business here for the Globe Works, of London, Ont., in 1882, but this concern went under a year or two later. He then represented the Dominion Bank here for some years, in handling the Haggart Bros. threshers, manufactured at Brampton, this concern having been in the hands of the bank, and at the present time is in liquidation. Mr. O'Donohue did quite a large business in threshers for a few years, until the implement firm of O'Donohue & Cochrane was formed. This firm was dissolved in the spring of 1890, and since then Mr. O'Donohue has continued the business alone. He now handles all kinds of wheeled and runner vehicles, plows, harrows, rakes, mowers, etc. He has



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a new article added to the list this year. The trade in wheeled rigs is one of the most important features of this business. In wagons a considerable number of United States makes are brought in, but the carriage trade is nearly all in Canadian goods. The business is jobbing, and the only country branches are at Carberry and Brandon. Shipments of goods are made all over the country, as far as the Pacific coast. The office and fine large show room is on Princess street facing market square. The staff is composed of ten persons.

R. COCHRANE AND COMPANY.

This business was established in the spring of 1890. Mr. Cochrane, however, has been connected with the Manitoba implement trade for eleven years. He was formerly western manager for the Cochrane Manufacturing Company, at St. Thomas, Ont., which passed out of existence some years ago. The western headquarters of this company was first established at Portage la Prairie, in this province, in 1879, but later was moved to Winnipeg. The company ceased doing business here in 1886. Mr. Cochrane has since been connected with the implement trade of Winnipeg in other capacities. R. Cochrane & Co. handle principally wheeled and runner vehicles, from several well known eastern manufacturers; also the Water-

branches at Morden, Manitou, Boissevain and Brandon, and employs eight men. He erected a building of his own on King street, facing hay market square, about a year ago, which he now occupies for a show room and offices, size 30x90. His on-track warehouse is a rented property. He also owns his own warehouses at Boissevain and Manitou.

STEVENS AND BURNS.

Are manufacturers of threshers, engines and hay presses, at London, Ont. This is the only thresher manufacturing concern having its own business in Winnipeg. Other threshers are handled through other firms doing business here. This firm was represented here for some time in this way, but in 1888 opened a branch in Winnipeg, and John Stevens is now in charge of the business here. The Winnipeg office controls the western business, and looks after collections, etc. Branches have not been opened at country points this business being done through other implement agencies.

H. F. ANDERSON AND COMPANY.

This is a new implement firm, established in Winnipeg last year. The members are H. F. Anderson and F. J. Calvert. The firm occupy the building on Princess street lately used as an office and warehouse by John Elliott & Son. They handle the Mercer binder, Elliott War-

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rior mower, Tiger rake, Dowajie shoe drill, Buford and Highlander stubble plows, Prairie Queen breaking plow, Hill combined breaker and backsetter, London wagon, harrows and other articles. They have opened half a dozen branches in the country, and employ about 15 hands in all.

D. MAXWELL AND SONS
opened a regular business at Winnipeg in 1879, in the name of the firm, which has its headquarters and factory at St. Mary's, Ont. The company ceased doing business here at the close of last year, and the sale of its manufactures in the west is now controlled by F. A. Fairchild & Co. The office in Winnipeg will be kept open for an indefinite length of time to wind up old business. Previous to this year the firm had branch agencies throughout the country, but these have now all been withdrawn. The manufactures of D Maxwell & Sons are: Maxwell binder, reaper, mower, sulky rake, straw and root cutters, etc. While doing business here a number of other articles were handled.

JOHN ELLIOTT & SON,
were one of the early companies in the field here, but last year, owing to financial difficulties, the company did very little business in the west, outside of winding up outstanding affairs. The manufactory of this company is at London, Ont. A new company has now been formed, and the industry will be continued under the style of Elliott & Co. The goods from this factory are now handled in the west by H. F. Anderson & Co., of Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG CARRIAGE TOP COMPANY.
This is another local industry which will be referred to in connection with the implement and carriage trade. As a local industry, it is deserving of special mention. This industry was established three years ago, by A. C. McCrae, who came from Ottawa, Ont. The result has been very satisfactory and has fully warranted the establishment of the factory here. The business has grown steadily from the start, and has doubled each succeeding year. The future of the industry is therefore promising. Carriage tops, seat trimming and general carriage upholstery is done, and work made in Winnipeg is sent to points west as far as the Pacific coast. A jobbing trade is done in carriage trimmers' supplies. Mr. McCrae also handles J. Campbell's London carriages.

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This is an important local industry which should not be overlooked in an article dealing with the implement and carriage trade. This business is carried on by Ed. Boyce, and was established in 1882. The business has been gradually extended of late years, and especially recently, a growing demand is noticeable for first class home manufactured goods. Buggies, carriages, phaetons, hacks and busses, delivery wagons, and special lines of wagons are made; also sleighs and cutters. Ordinary farm wagons are not turned out, as this line cannot be manu-

factured to advantage in competition with the stocks brought in from the east and the States. Considerable work is being done in delivery wagons, or wagons which require to be constructed somewhat different from the regular lines, for special purposes. Only home-made goods are handled, and the bulk of the business is ordered work, though some stock in delivery wagons and carriages is carried. Home manufactures are now turned out at 20 to 25 per cent cheaper than ten years ago, though wages are still higher than in the east. The object is not so much to compete with eastern goods, as to turn out an article which will give satisfaction in point of quality. About \$16,000 is invested in the industry and fifteen hands are employed on an average.

A mistake was made last week in our reference to the western trip of Alex. Gillies, of Montreal. It should have read, representing Alexander, Buntin & Son instead of the Canada Paper Co.

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