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WINNIPEG, MAY 21, 1888.

COPLEY LLOYD, pork packer, Winnipeg, has sold out.

GEO. RILEY will open a horse collar manufactory at Winnipeg.

RUTHERFORD & Co., of Stonewall, Man., have bought the stock of W. R. Clark, of that place, who lately made an assignment.

THE Hudson's Bay railway has been refused any aid at Ottawa, at least for this session. About one million dollars was granted for various eastern roads. The only road west of Lake Superior which receives aid is the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western, which will get \$3,200 pr mile on about 85 miles of road, or a total of \$271,000.

The annual meeting of the Permanent Mortgage company was held last week at the head office, 609 Main street, Winnipeg. Arthur Stewart, manager, presented a statement of the affairs of the company, showing \$68,000 under mortgage and \$156,000 stock subscribed. The reserve fund is \$4,600. Votes of thanks were passed to the manager and to the directors for the manner in which they have discharged their dutics during the past year, and for the success which has attended the company. The first issue of stock is nearly exhausted, and the next issue will be at a premium, The following board of directors was elected : E. L. Drewry, M. P. P., Sheriff Iukster, W. J. Christie, Jas. Penrose, J. H. Housser, Norman Matheson, D. Ogilvie, and E. F. Hutchings. The Permanent Mortgage is a purely local company, and on this account the success which has attended its operations will be specially gratifying. Affording, as it does, a safe and profitable means of investing surplus funds, it will no doubt coninuo to steadily extend its operations.

DR. HARRISON has secured promises at Neepawa, Man., where he will open a private bank.

JACODS, of Crystal City, has disposed of his interest in the hotel at that place to Bell, of Gretna.

J. W. SMITH represented the Regins board of trade at the grain standard conference at Ottawa.

T. S. FISHER, representing White, Joslin & Co., fancy goods, etc., Toronto, was in the city last week.

The balance of W. B. McArthun's general stock, at Minnedosa, has been purchased by R. McLenaghan.

SFIERS & DUNDAR, bakers, Winnipeg, have directly partnership, and will hereafter do business separately.

THE Royal hotel, Lethbridge, Alberta, was sold at auction recently, H. Bentley being the purchaser, for \$1,250.

CAVENS & STUART, general dealers, Deloraine, Man., have dissolved partnership. Jas. Cavers will continue the business.

RUTLEDGE BROS., Fort William, have sold out their dry goods to W. H. Cobb, of Ignace. They intend confining themselves to the grocery and gents' furnishing trade.

THE Ontario House, Fort-William, has been rented by Quigley, of Savanne. The house has been renovated and repaired and will be one of the finest houses in the district.

THE partnership existing between Soules, York & Co., wholesale and retail butchers, Calgary, has been dissolved. The business will be carried on in future by T. W. Soules & Co.

J. L. MEIKLE, of the Bazaar, Port Arthur, stationery and fancy goods, will open business at Sault Ste. Mary. W. A. McCallum, of Fort William, will be associated with him in this venture.

TENDERS have been called by the Manitoba railway commissioner, Hon. Jos. Martin, for tracklaying and surfacing the Red River Valley railway. Tenders will close at noon on Monday, 21st inst.

MANITOU Mercury: A car load of hogs was shiped to Winnipeg on Tuesday by Chalmers Bros. & Bethune. The price paid was five and a quarter cents per lb. This is perhaps the only cargo of hogs that will be shipped for some time.

E. H. RILEY & Co., general merchants, Calgary, is in difficulties, and the stock has been sold to satisfy a judgment obtained by his mother, who it is claimed had loaned him money. The creditors talk of fighting the judgment, unless a settlement can be arrived at.

THE Manitoba & Northwestern Railway Co. has recently issued a publication under the title "From the Red River to the Saskatchowan." The book gives an interesting sketch of the country all along the line of the railway, and contains a lot of general information regarding the country. It is handsomely printed and profusely illustrated with western scenes. Intending settlers in Manitoba should secure a copy. WM. WALKEB, livery, Carborry, has sold out to John T. Cable.

ISAAC SHUPE, livery, Brandon, has been sold out by the sheriff.

W. J. HINMAN, livery, Winnipeg, is removing to Minneapolis.

WRIGHT BROS., dry goods, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

BELL BROS., grocers, Winnipeg, have opened a branch at McGregor.

SAMUEL BAGSHAW, photographer, Birtle, has succeeded W. Clavering.

J. E. BEAKE, general storekeeper, Carberry, has sold out to W. J. Smale.

W. PORTEOUS, hotel and livery, Birtle is advertising his business for sale.

MRS. H. DOWNS, estate of, general store, Virden, sold to Alex. Gommel.

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MUNRO & Co., grocers and liquors, Brandon, have sold out their grocery business to Alex. Munro.

WALTERS & BAKERS, general störekeepers, Prince Albert, Alberta, contemplate dissolution of partnership.

HUGHES & KENNEDY, lumber dealers, Rat Portage, Ont., have admitted T. T. Atkinson into partnership.

SMART, STEWART & Co., wholesale jobbers and commission merchants, Brandon, contemplate giving up business.

JOHN HANBURY & Co., grocers, cigats, grain and produce, etc., Brandon, have sold out their grocery department to Barrett & Co.

F. S. MOULE, general merchant, Killarney, Man., who assigned a short time ago, has made arrangements with the creditors to continue.

A. C. FREEDORN, drugs and liquors, Virden, Man., has sold out his liquor business to J. J. Caulfield, who also carries on a liquor business at Virden.

HCLMES AND HOSE, hardware dealers, Rat Portuge and Keewatin, will both retain their branches, an arrangement between the houses to withdraw the branches having fallen through.

THE well known wholesale commission firm of Henderson & Bull, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Bull retiring. The business will be conducted under the same firm name by W. F. Henderson.

MCLEAN BROS, general dealers, Moose Jaw, Assa., have assigned in trust to J. H. Ross, of that place. The stock is advertised for sale by tender on May 28th, amounting to \$9,508, including fixtures of \$224.

THE Emigrant for May has been issued, and forms a specially valuable number. It is 36 pages in size, and contains a great deal of valuable information about Manitoba and the West generally. A number of fine engravings of western scenes are given, including a view of Winnipeg.



THE bill lately introduced into the Manitoba Legislature, providing for the early closing of shops, and the regulation of the hours of labor therein for young persons, has passed its third reading, and only awaits the official assent of the Lieutenant Governor to be made law. The Act which will be known as "The Manitoba Shops' Regulation Act," is very similar to the measure lately brought into force in Ontario, and which has been received with favor by the mercantile community of that Province. In order that merchants may be made sequainted with the Act, we will give a review of the various provisions of the measure. Tobacconists, news agents, hotels, refreshment houses, are exempt from the Act, when such lines of business are carried on separately from other branches of trade to which the Act applies. When carried on in connection with branches which come under the Act, they will not be so exempt. Closed means, not open for serving customers. Customers in a shop before the hour for closing has arrived, may be served. On presentation of an application, signed by not less than three-fourths of the occupiers of shops, in any municipality, the council shall within one month pass a by-law requiring all shops belonging to the class specified in the application, to be closed at a specified hour. The application shall specify the hour for closing, which shall not be earlier than seven o'clock in the afternoon, and may be made to apply to the whole or any portion of the year. The Act shall be made to apply to any or all lines of business (other than noted as exempt therefrom) for which a two-thirds majority make application for early closing. Thus grocery stores might be brought under the Act, whilst dry goods stores would remain exempt. It is provided, however, that in cases where two or more branches of trade are carried on in one store, the said store shall be closed for the purposes of all such trades, if required to be closed for any one branch carried on therein. The enforcement of the Act as relates to any branch of trade, may be repealed in the same way as it is brought into force, namely, by applicaction of more than one-third of those engaged in any branch of trade, in tayor of such repeal, No

punishment shall be inflicted for supplying medicines, medical appliances, etc., after the regulated hours, or for supplying any articles required at once by reason of sickness or death. Agents or servants violating the Act shall be equally liable with principals. Such in brief are the main points of the bill. It will now be left to the merchants to take up the enforcement of the Act. In the majority of towns throughout the Province the Act could be put in force to advantage, and undoubtedly it will be largely taken advantage of. There will now be no excuse for merchants keeping their stores open unreasonably long hours, on the ground that one or two dealers in the same line of trade will not agree to close earlier. One or two selfishly disposed persons will not now have it in their power to frustrate the wishes of the rest of the merchants regarding early closing, as has been the case in Winnipeg and other places in the past. Justice demands that employees in stores should be treated with greater liberality and consideration than has been usual heretofore. The carliest hour fixed in the bill is not a minute too early for the closing of most stores, and indeed there is no good reason why a later hour should be adopted. It is to be hoped therefore that the early closing measure will soon go largely into force in Manitoba. The section of the Act regulating the hours for the employment of young persons in stores, will be dealt with in a separate paragraph.

THE principal provisions of that portion of the Manitoba Shops' Regulation Act, relating to the employment of young people in stores, etc., are as follows :- "Shops" shall mean any wholesale or retail stores, stalls, etc., wherein assistants are employed, "Young persons" shall mean any boy under fourtcen, or girl under sixteen years of age, excepting drivers of delivery wagons. "Week" shall mean from midnight Sunday to midnight the collowing Saturday. "Parent" shall mean parent, guardian, or custodian. A young person shall not be employed in a shop for a longer period than seventy-four hours, including meal times, in any one week ; nor shall a young person be so employed during any Saturday for more than

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fourteen hours, including meal times, nor during any other day for more than twelve hours, including meal times, unless a different apportionment of the hours of labor per day has been made for the sole purpose of giving a shorter day's work on some other day of the week; and there shall be allowed as meal times to every young person so employed no less than one hour for the noon day meal on each day, and to every young person so employed on any day to any hour later than seven of the clock in the afternoon, not less than forty-five minutes for another or evening meal between five and eight of the clock in the afternoon. For a violation a fine not exceeding \$20 for each person emyloyed, with cost, or imprisonment for one month in default, is provided. A parent shall be liable to the same punishment, unless such employment is without his consent. Occupiers of shops are required to supply suitable seats for females employed therein, and to allow them. to use such seats when not otherwise engaged. For violation the same penal y is provided. In every shop where a young person is employed, a notice of the provisions of the Act shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place. The provisions shall not apply to a shop wherein the only employees are at home and members of the family dwelling there. This portion of the early closing Act will not come into force until January 1st, 1889.

THE crop report of the United States agricultural department for May, places the general average of winter wheat at 73, which is the lowest condition, with one exception, for eight years. In May, 1885, the average condition was 70, and the yield for that year was 211,-000,000 bushels. Last year the May report placed the winter wheat crop at 86, or 13 points above the condition for this year. The crop last year was 293,000,000 bushels. This poor condition of the winter wheat crop has been the main source of strength in the wheat markets of late.

THE resolutions regarding the C.P.R. and the removal of monopoly in the West, have been considered in Parliament, and ...dopted by



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a majority of fifty-two. A motion by Daly and Perley "that the C.P.R. shall expend a portion of the proceeds of the bonds in the immediate construction of the projected lines of railway in Southern Manitoba and the Territory," was rejected. An amendment by the Liberal leader to the effect that the C.P.R. charter did not call for monopoly in Manitoba and British Columbia, was also negatived. -

A. M. STENHOUSE, an ex M.P.P. for Comox, British Columbia, has located in the Mormon Settlement on Lees Creek, Alberta. The parents of Stenhouse were Mormons, his father being a Mormon prophet. They subsequently renounced the faith, for which they were persecuted, until they left Utak and located in New York. Here Stenhouse, senior, wrote the volume "The Rocky Mountain Saints," and his wife Fanny Stenhouse also wrote a book entitled "Expose of Polygamy in Utah." The volumes have been extensively circulated through the United States and Canada, and are no doubt familiar to many of our readers.



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Their publication did a great deal to arouse public opinion against the Mormons. It is therefore peculiar that the son should go back to the Mormon faith. Stenhouse resigned his seat in the British Columbia Legislature some time ago, in order to become a Mormon

AFTER a close struggle, Mr. Kirchoffer's bill to amend the "Real Property Act of 1885," has passed the Manitoba Legislature. This bill does away with the compulsory use of the Torrens system of land transfer, and parties buying and selling real property, can have their titles made out either under the old system of registration, or under the Torrens system, as thought advisable. Now that the bill has become law, there is not much use in condemning it, but it feally seems absurd that two systems of land conveyance should be in use. The Torrens system is admittedly very simple in operation, and offers even greater security than the old system, and to this extent is deservedly popular. The only complaint against it is on the ground of excessive cost in some instances. But it surely should be possible to so amend the act as to reduce the

cost to figures within the usual charges under the old system. This recent move to destroy the usefulness of the Torrens system of land transfer, may lead to such changes in the administration of the Real Property Act as will materially lessen the cost of bringing lands under the Torrens system, by causing the friend of the system to bestir themselves. At any rate, there seems to be no good reason for perpetnating two systems of land transfer.

A couple of Michigan men have taken out . patents upon a baud mill carring two saws, which is designed to cut in both directions, so that no time is lost in the process of gigging back. A board is cut from the log in running one way by one of the saws, and another by the other saw in returning. It was a Chicago lumber trade journalist who suggested some months ago that the ultimate function of the band mill would be to do some such thing as this. Naturally the increase in the number of saws and in the necessary amount of gearing is calculated to require increased power to r opel it, but if the capacity of the saw is doubled, this should not be a serious drawback.

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WINNIPEG, MAY 21, 1888.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

The budget speech in the Manitoba Legislature was looked forward to with more than usual interest this session, on account of promised revelations which were to be made regarding the actions of the late Norquay Government. During Provincial Treasurer Jones' speech and those who followed him, the galleries of the house were crowded with visitors. The Provincial Treasurer made an able speech, lasting about four hours, during which charges of mismanagement and "irregularities" were made against the predecessors of the present Ministry, and in some instances at least apparently substantiated. In fact it has been made apparent that there was a great deal of carelessness on the part of Government officials and even ministers, during the regime of the late Government, in manag ing the affairs of the province. But carelessness alone does not describe the situation, and it is a matter for regret that there is too much reason to believe that the principle of active dishonesty has entered into more than one transaction. Altogether the situation is a very grave one, in view of the recent disclosures. It is to be hoped the most thorough investigation will be made, and the alleged iniquities fastened securely upon the guilty ones. If any of our public men have been wilfully hishonest in transacting the affairs of the province, they should not be spared. Public morality demands that they should be thoroughly exposed, in order that corruption should be purged from high places. The matter should not be investigated solely in a partizan spirit. The opposition should be equally interested in securing a searching investigation, in order that the onus may rest upon the guilty ones, and not upon the whole party. Only by adopting this course and casting off the "boodlers," can the party hope to cleanse itself in the estimation of honest men.

Aside from evidences of wilful dishonesty, it is shown that yublic affairs have been conducted in some departments in such an unbusinesslike manuer as to lead to the belief that dishonesty might have prevailed. System seems to have been entirely neglected in some respects, and owing to the very mixed nature of the public affairs, great difficulty has been experienced in auditing the accounts and urriving at a clear understanding of tho situation. In the Court of Queen's Bench the bocks were in bad shape, and no thorough audit can be made. The bank account was kept in the name of the prothonotary, and he is charged with having appropriated to personal uses accrued interest to the amount of \$1,459. For periods covering years no books could be found. For instance, in the treasury department the cash book had not been kept up for fifteen months, and for that space of time did not show a single entry.

The public printing transactions of the late Government it is shown were among its most shady doings. It appears that the department of Agriculture had secured the printing of certain reports in Montreal, but not satisfied with paying the Montreal printers, had also allowed local firms large sums for the same work. The English report of the department for 1883 was printed in Montreal, and cost the department \$1,132, including \$79 freight on the books, but in addition the Times Printing Co., of Winnipeg, had been paid about \$2,650 for the same work. In the same way the French reports of the department for 1882 and 1883 had been printed in Montreal, at an actual cost, in cluding translation, of \$2,332.80, though it appears that the department had paid the Canadian Publishing Co., of St. Boniface, some \$7,024 for doing the work. In addition the department paid freight charges on the books from Montreal. The correspondence between John Lovell & Sons, printers, of Montreal, and the department, goes to show that the printing was contracted for directly by the department, and that the money paid the local firms was in the nature of a royalty on the work. Telegrams and letter signed by A. A. C. La Riviere, in his official capacity as Minister of Agriculture, passed freely between the department and the Montreal printers, and these were produced during the debate. As Mr. La Riviere and the Canadian Publishing Co. are supposed to be one and the same, the damaging nature of the evidence will be apparent. It certainly places the late Minister in a most unenviable light, and apparently justifies the use of the dishonorable name "boodler". It is also charged that public moneys under the control of the Department of Agriculture, were appropriated for personal uses, in one case a cheque being retained for

nearly two years, and the interest thereon never accounted for. In the Treasury department there appeared also to have been a very loose system of doing business, which made defalcations possible on the part of the late Queen's Printer, Bourdeau, to the amount of over \$13,000. These are some of the more important references made in the budget speech. Though carelessness is shown in several departments under the control of the late Ministers, yet it will be observed that the principal charges of wilful dishonesty on the part of a Minister are brought against Mr. La Riviere, late Provincial Treasurer, and previously Minister of Agriculture. For the alleged short-comings on the part of the representative of the French section in the Norquay Government, the whole cabinet will be to some extent morally responsible, at least until such time as a thorough investigation has been made and the real culprits repudiated by the party. Mr. Norquay has expressed surprise at the evidences produced of dishonesty in his cabinet, and has challenged an investigation as to his personal acts. It is to be hoped the exposures will lead to the purification of politics in Manitoba. If this is followed by the introduction into the departments of a more thorough and businesslike system of conducting the affairs of the province, the change of Government will not be in vain.

THE \$1,500,000 LOAN.

In the course of his budget speech Provincial Treasurer Jones of Manitoba stated that the Government had accepted an offer made by Drummond Bros. & Moffat, of Winnipeg, on behalf of a London firm, of 103 for the \$1,500,000 loan. The bonds are to run for 35 years, with interest at 5 per cent. Exchange is to be made at Winnipeg without commission charges. It is understood that the bonds have been floated at 108, which leaves a pretty wide margin between the figure which the province receives and the market value. At the time the Manitoba Government made the agreement with the Winnipeg agents, 103 might have been considered a fairly good offer for the bonds. At that time the great load of monopoly was still upon the country, blighting our future prospects, whilst the legality of the bonds was threatened by the disallowance policy of the Dominion. With the opposition of the Dominion Government and the great C.P.R. corporation, previous attempts to raise funds

to prosecute the Red River Valley railway had resulted so unsatisfactorily, that the offer of 103 must have been considered very favorable. Owing also to the opposition met with in immediately preceding efforts to raise funds, the negotiations in connection with the last loan were undertaken privately. Since the removal of monopoly there is no doubt but that the loan could have been floated to much greater advantage to the province, Manitoba five per cents. having lately been quoted as high as 112 in the London market. The Provincial Treasurer, however held that the Government was morally bound to hold to their acceptance of the offer of 103, notwithstanding that in the meantime, disallowance had been removed and provincial securities had materially appreciated in value In this he is no doubt right. Had the advance in Manitoba securities not taken place. no fault could have been found with the loan, but now that quite the opposite is the case, many will question the wisdom of the decision which led to a secret negotiation of the loan. There is also ground for differences of opinion as to the wisdom of making the agreement to float the loan at that particular time. Previous to that time there was good reason to hope for the early removal of monopoly, which it could certainly be expected would result in a sharp advance in provincial securities, thereby enabling the Government to make a more favorable financial arrangement. As it is, however, the arrangement made can be considered as fairly satisfactory, especially from the point of view that had the offer of Drummond Bros. & Moffat not been accepted, and monopoly had been continued, the province might have been forced into a less favorable arrongement. In the latter event the Government would have been roundly denounced for gross carclessness in not accepting the offer of 103. Such however are the exegencies of politics.

MANITOBA'S FINANCIAL STANDING.

In his budget speech Provincial Treasurer Jones estimated that the province would receive on account of subsidy \$435,-595, for the fiscal year commencing June 1st next, as compared with actual receipts or \$429,171 for the present fiscal year; from the Manitoba Gazette, \$4,000; law stamps, \$17,000; private bills, \$1,200; liquor licenses, \$27,000; interest, \$17,500; judicial district, \$1,500; advance to Red River Valley railway, interest \$10,000;

land titles office, \$12,000; marriage licenses, \$1,200, the intention being to reduce this license fee from \$5 to \$2.50; provincial lands, \$12,000; County Court fees and sundries, \$4,500; pay for keeping lunatics from territories, \$10,000; judicial board, \$7.210; M. & N.W. railway 3 per cent on gross earnings, \$5,000; bills receivable, \$500; M.S.W. railway. \$6,400; from municipalities for keeping of lunatics, \$15,000; net receipts from R.R.V. railway, \$35,000. Total estimated receipts \$616,105, against \$602,107 for last year. The principal items of estimated expenditure were clearly dealt with. The amount for civil Government was placed at \$173,055, or \$94.058 less than for the year 1887. This saving will be made mainly through reductions in salaries and lopping off useless officials, and will allow of increased grants to education, agricultural societies, immigration, drainage, etc. This feature will be very satis factory to the people of Manitoba, who have so long witnessed such a large portion of the revenue of the provincenearly one-half of the total-going to "run the machine". It has always seemed an absurdity that the revenue of the province should be so largely eaten up in salaries and official expenses. The total expenditure of money going directly to the people is estimated at \$287,793, against, \$214,000 for the present year. The amount required for printing and advertising is placed at \$11,200, which is a very large reduction from previous years, the cost of this item being \$17,150 for the present year and for the previous year \$32,684. The total estimated expenditure for the next fiscal year is placed at \$578,198, against estimated receipts as previously stated, \$616,105, leaving a surplus of \$37,907. The estimates are very gratifying, in view of the fact that \$75,000 is included in the ordinary expenditure, over former years, to meet interest on the new \$1,500,000 loan, as well as providing nearly \$95,000 above ordinary expenditure, in public works, etc. Summarized, the items of estimated expenditure are : Cost of civil government, \$173,055; public works, \$287,793; miscellaneous, \$114,700; sundries, \$2,650, total expenditure \$578,198. Mr. Jones places the assets of the province at \$4,139,225, including capital account of \$3,311,914, lands, building, etc. At present there are outstanding lie bilities of about \$300,000. Hon. Mr. Jones estimates the amount which will be required to pay up [debts and replace true funds, so that the province can start the next fiscal year on the first of June next with a clear sheet, at \$317,909. The principal drawn later.

items in the deficit are : Bank overdraft, \$76,238; expenditure over revenue, for May and June, \$30,920; interest Hudson's Bay railway bonds. on \$19,225; half-breed infants' fund. \$101.267 ; trust funds Court of Queen's Bench, \$26,500; also probable expenditure of about \$35,000 to put Hudson's Bay Railway in shape so that the Province will secure the land grant security on guaranteed bonds. These deficits will be made up from the new loan, which has just been floated for the purpose of completing the Red River Valley Railway. The Province will therefore commence the next fiscal year in good shape financially, and if the expectations of the Provincial Treasurer for the next year are realized, there will be smooth sailing ahead. The new \$1,500,000 loan, it must be remembered, will not represent a dead liability upon the Province. The greater portion of the loan will be expended in the construction of the Red River Valley Railway, which, when completed, will form a valuable asset of the Province. and one which should give a profitable return upon the money invested.

PROROGUED.

The Manitoba Legislature was prorogued on Friday evening last. The session just closed has been one of the most eventful in the history of Manitoba as a province. The Legislature met on the 12th of January last, but through the defeat of the Harrison administration was shortly after adjourned for some time. The members were subsequently called together by the new Greenway administration, but the house was again immediately adjourned, to allow the Premier and Attorney-General to proceed to Ottawa, to discuss the monopoly question. This great matter was settled to the satisfaction of the Province, and on the return of the Ministers the House again met. Though in session for so long a time, the active portion was brief, and business was disposed of rapidly once the House got down to work. One feature of the session has been the acrimony which has frequently characterized the debates, induced by the charges made by the new Ministers against their predecessors. It is to be regretted that some more definite action was not taken to follow up the serious charges of mismanagement and dishonesty, made against members of the late Government. - Tt would certainly have been in the interest of the Opposition to have had the charges investigated and located. In view of an approaching general election, the desire to make political capital out of the charges against the late.Government. no doubt had something to do with the extreme feeling of bitterness between the parties. In this connection it is to be regretted that, in the heat of debate, utterance was given to serious statements, which, in a measure at least, were with-



WINNIPEG MONBY MARKET.

There is little to be said about the state of monetary affairs in this city since our last report. The feeling in trade circles is one of inaction. Banks have ample funds, but are not pressing business, and hold as closely as possible to regular customers. These customere are in no way inclined to launch into any financial obligations, beyond what are absolutely necessary. Thus the volume of discounts is light, and at this part of the month is particularly low. There is no change from the 8 per cent. minimum rate of discount, and no new feeling or feature likely to cause a change. In real estate mortgage loans, a limited business in new farm loans is reported, with interest payments coming in slowly but steadily. Altogether this branch is very quiet. The interest rate holds steady at 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The general situation in city wholesale circles last week was one of quietness. Advices from the country indicate that farmers were getting through with the rush of spring work, and were commencing to visit the towns more freely, as was indicated, by a re-commencement of wheat deliveries to quite an extent in some markets. The wholesale trade, however, has not yet felt the influence of increased buying, except in a few branches. Textile branches are still quiet, and with light jobbing business. Groceries wlow. Fruits are among the more active branches. Hardware, lumber and building supplies are improving in demand steadily. Collections were perhaps a little freer.

CANNED GOODS.

A Montreal report says : Salmon for future delivery is attracting moderate attention, for the reason that the principal buyers have entered orders for small lots of first deliveries. and are disposed to await later developments before binding themselves to take additional quantities. The prospects on the Columbia are not favorable, but buyers desire positive evidence of a short run and a firm maintainance of the market at present quoted values before ordering largely. Quetations here are as follows : Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5 23; peaches (California) \$3.50; pears, \$3.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$3.00.

DRUGS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3.00; jodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$3 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3.00; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 71 to \$2c.

FRUITS-GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC. There is little new stuff yet in the market,

but a larger range of varieties are expected soon. Quotations were: Apples, \$2 to \$6 per barrel, according to quality.⁴ Advices report the California orange and lemon crop 55 very short, the former less than half as many boxes as jast year. Prices are: Messina oranges, \$6 to \$6.50 a box. (California Riversides, seedlings, \$6 to \$6.50; Foney Riverside Navel, or seedless, \$7 to \$50; Mediterrean Sweets and St. Micheal oranges. \$6 to \$6.50 per box; Mesina lemono, \$7 to \$6.50 \ddagger Pincapples, \$6 to \$7 per dozen Bananas, \$4 to \$5 per bunch as to size, pie plant, or rhubarh, 7c per pound.

FRUITS-DRIED, AND NUTS.

Quotations are as follows: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to 2.50 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peauuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

FORS.

In the following range of prices it will be understood that only a No. 1 prime skin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grade of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the lowest to the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows :- Beaver, \$1 to \$6 per skin ; badger, 25c to \$1.50 ; black bear, \$2 to \$16; cubb do, 50c to \$4.00; brown bear or einnomon, \$1 to \$15; cubs do, 50c to \$3; grizzly bear, \$3 to \$35; cubs do, \$1 to \$12; white bear, \$3 to \$50; cubs do, \$2 to \$15; lynx, 25c to \$3.00; cubs do, 5c to 40c; wild cat, 25 to 75c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3; large prairie do, 25c to \$1.30 ; small prairie do or coyote, 25c to \$1 ; wolverine, 50c to \$4 ; panther 10c to \$2.50; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 25c to \$1.50 ; kit fox, 25c to 60c ; silver, grey, or black fox, \$4.to \$50 according to color and quality, cross fox, 50c to \$5; blue fox, 50c. to \$4.50 ; white fox, 25c to \$1.50 ; martin, 25c to \$1.25, mink, 15 to 60c, muskrat, midwinter, 6 to 10c, fall, 3 to 5c, spring, 3 to 12c, culls and kits, 1 to 2c, otter, \$1 to \$8, do cubs, 25 to 70, raccoon, 25 to 80c, skunk, 15 to 50c. Skins may be so badly damaged or out of season that even the lowest price stated, can not be obtained.

GROCERIES.

Trade is quiet and uneventful Yokohama advices report pupplies of teas as equal to last year. A steamer was to sail on May 17th for Vancouver. Prices are : Sugars, dark yellow, 7 to 71c; bright yellow, 7g to 73c; granulated, 81 to 84c; lumps, 91 to 94c. Coffees-Rios, from 18 to 22c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c ; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas. 35 to 60c; young byson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound ; P. of W., butts 47c ; P. of W. caddies, 48c ; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c ; Brier, 7s, 53c ; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c ; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine's chewing tobaccos. Beaver, Ss, 63c ; Jubilee, 1s, 59c ; Anchor, 53c ; Smoking, Virginia Leaf, 3s, 56c ; do Leaf, 7s, 56c ; Silver Shield, 7s, 53c; Cut Cavendish, 8s, 70c; Silver Ash, 8s, 5 lb. tin boxes, 64c; Club Mixture, 8s, 95c. Special

brouds of eigars are quoted : Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDEA.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 14c per pound.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Prices remain steady at prices as follows: Jut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; i -a pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; i.-..t tin, 40 to 42c per 1b., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6% to 7c

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish solo 27 to 31c, slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf. first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian cali, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon E:p, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 29 to 32c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices now quoted : Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 750 in barrels ; harness oil \$1.00 ; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25 ; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon ; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots ; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 121c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oils, Eccene, 31c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$1.25 per barrel ; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50 ; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25. Alabastine, \$8 per case of 20 pkgs.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are. Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage, 1880, \$7.50; Hennesy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 rand upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennesy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22._____

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WHEAT.

Up to the time of writing the crop situation remains very backward. There has been practically no improvement in the crops since our last report of one week ago. The weather has kept steadily cold, with sharp frosts at night, and consequently growth has been out of the question. The weather has been favorable for seeding, but the time keeps slipping away without any perceptible growth of the grain in the ground. Only on the last day's of last week were there indications of a change. Rain and warm weather is now badly needed. Farmers have commenced to deliver wheat again, and at some provincial markets deliveries were quite large. This indicates that seeding has been about completed and farmers are through with the rush of spring work. Prices paid to farmers ranged from 65 to 70c, the variations being according to the market, on a basis of No. 2 hard. In one provincial market 72c was paid farmers. Car lots on track sold as high as 75 and 76c, which were top figures for the week.

FLOUR.

With the strength in wheat, prices tend steadily upward, and another advance of 5 to 10c is noted. Quotations in lots to the local trade, are :-Patents, \$2.30; strong bakers, \$2.15; XXXX, \$1.55; superfine, \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

Bran is now quoted at \$10 per ton and shorts \$12 per ton.

OATS.

If anything the tendency is easier, and deliveries are expected to be more free, now that seeding is over. Prices are about nominal, but may be given at about 30 to 32c.

OATMEAL.

Prices stil hold at old quotations as follows : Standard, \$2.45; granulated, \$2.60; rolled oats, \$3.00.

EGGS.

Deliveries continue to be light last week, but the demand was also moderate. I case lots 13c was the usual figure, with 12c offered for larger lots. The feeling is easier in expectation of large receipts coming in soon.

There is very little doing in this commodity, beyond a few sales in small lots for city use. From 17 to 18c may set 1 be quoted for the best qualities of new, with feeling easy.

LARD.

Best Chicago lard was firm at \$2.25 per 20 pound pail, with native held at \$2.25 to \$2.30. Inferior qualities of imported lard may be obtained from \$2.00 apward.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are stronger, and with fractional advances. Quotations are: Long clear, 114 to 114: breakfast bacon, 144 to 15c: rolls, 134c; hams, 15 to 154c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Prices were : Beef sides 6 to 7c; pork, 84c; mutton, 13c; veal, 8c to 9c.

LIVE STOCK.

Cartle steady at 31 to 4c, hogs 51 to 6c. VEGETABLES.

Potatoes easy at 25 to 30c. Other prices are: Onions, \$1.50 to \$1.80 per bushel; cabbage, \$10 per 100 for good; celery, 50c to \$1 per dozen bunches, as to quality; carrots 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 25c per bushel.

Toronto Trade.

Prices on Wednesday were reported : Wheat - Fall, No. 1, 95 to 96c; No. 2, 92 to 94c; No. 3, 90 to 91c; spring No. 1, 90 to 91c; No. 2, 85 to 87c, No. 3, 82 to 83c, red winter, No. 2, 93 to 94c; barley, No. 1, 65c; No. 2, 60c; No. 3, extra, 55c; No. 3, 45 to 50; peas, No. 1, 72 to 73c; No. 2, 71c; oats, No. 2, 45c; flour, extra, \$3 65 to \$3.70. Market quiet. Sales made Oats, No. 2, at 46c on track. Butter was reported rather lower, receipts being much larger. Large rolls sold at 15 to 10½c, with an occasional package of choice at 17c. Medium sold at 14 to 15c. Now tub beginning to offer more freely and sold at 16 to 17c. Old tub dull, with a sale of inferior at Sc.

Provisions were quoted : Mess pork per bl., \$17 to \$17.50; bacon, Cumberland cut, per lb. 33 to 9c; long clear, per lb. 93 to 93c; lard, tierces, per lb. 10 to 104c; lard, pails, 11 to 114c; hams, per lb. 114 to 124c; bellies, per lb, 11 to 12c; rolls, 104 to 11c.

General Notes.

Ed. Logan has started a lumber yard at Portage la Prairie, Man.

The amount of customs duties collected at Port Arthur for the four months ending 20th of April last, was \$6,171.84.

The repeal of the tax on commercial <u>trivel</u>lers in Quebec is credited with the recent stir apparent on the streets.

There were 13,400 logs placed in the mill yard of Robinson's mill at Beaver, B. C., 1*** winter and the work of manufacturing goes on,

The co-operative boot and show factory at Montreal has just commenced operations. The profits of the concern will be divided amongst the stockholders.

According to Ottawa figures the immigration returns for April show the total arrivals for the month to be 16,194. At Emerson 930, at Gretna 134. Total arrivals for four months 40,598, an increase of 10,000 over last year. The settlers in the Dominion for the Northwest were 7,681, for four months 19,553.

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Western Notes.

W. J. Clarke, of Port Arthur, contemplates the erection of a large three story block.

An immigrant with a family landed at Calgary recently with only 15 cents in his pocket.

All along the line of the C P. R. in Algoma, the towns and hamlets are springing into greater life and vigor.

Fort William's natural gas find is attracting the attention of outsiders. An expert will make a thorough test of the gas.

Port & thur Sentinel : A reporter was informed that the whole of section 33, in the township of McIntyre, adjoining Port Arthur, has just been sold to a gentleman in England at \$10 per acre.

Sentinel: As and evidence of what may be expected in Port Arthur is is a noteworthy fact that the sales of real estate here have thus far this season been far in excess of last year's transactions.

The Dominion coal company will handle 25,000 tons of coal this year in their yards at Port Arthur and at Fort William. It is also reported that the C. P. R. company will handle 74,000 tons of coal on Thunder Bay docks this year.

The new steamer Algonquin belonging to Thomas Marks & Co, of Port Arthur, is on her way to that port from Glasgow. This vcssel is built with her bulk heads arranged so that she can be cut in two at Montreal and floated up the canal.

A letter to the Macleod Gazette, from Leee's Creek, says that all the settlers there are busy at their spring work. They are putting in all the wheat, oats, barley and vegetables the lateness of the season will permit. This is the new Mormon settlement in Alberta.

Calgary Tribune: All the reports from the ranches state that the calves are particularly plentiful this year and as the cows are in good condition, very few calves have been lost. From present indications the calf crop this year will be in excess of any previous year in the country's history.

The Algoma Gold and Silver Mining company has been incorporated ; principal office, Minneapolis; capital stock. \$2,000,000; limited indebtedness, \$7.5,000; incorporators, O. N. Murdock, A C Dunn, Fred. J. Bletcner, A. F Olmsted, H. J. Crosswell, George H. Browne, R. R. Knapp and E. E. McDonald.

The Ontario Covernment have decided to send to the Ohio Valley and Central States centenmal exposition, to be held at Cincinnati from July 4 to October 27, an exhibit of Ontario minerals as complete as can be made in the limited time for collecting specimens. That Algoma may be well represented, D. F. Burk and Peter McKellar have been requested by the provincial department of agriculture and statistics to make as large a collection of the minerals of the district as can be furnished.

The Rat Portage council has accepted an offer of the publisher of the News of that place to print 5,000 copies of a pamphlet setting forth the advantages possessed by the district, and showing the grand water power privileges, etc., with a view to bringing that place more prom.

inently before the public. The pamphlet will be replete with views of the town and and also of the lake scenery.

Calgary Tribune Mr. Bjornson returned from a prospecting tour over the north country last night and says he is perfectly satisfied with the country, and that at least twenty-five Icelandic families will remove from Dakota to the Calgary district this summer and will be followed by a much larger number next year. Mr. Bjornson says that during the fourteen years he has been roaming over the country in Dakota, Manitoba and other parts of America, he has not seen a district to compare at all with what he bas seen north of Calgary.

The Dominion estimates contain the following amounts to be expended in Munitoba and the Territories : Brandon immigrant building, improvements, etc., \$2,500; Winnipeg immigrant building, including site, etc., \$50,000, Manitoba penitentiary, additional residences for chaplains and surgeons, \$30,000; payment to Gordon Ornick for land required for mounted police purposes at Maple Creek, \$12,000; bridge over Belly river at Lethbridge, \$15,000; bridges on the trail between Edmonton and Athabasca Landing, \$2,009; Battleford land and registry offices, to complete vault, etc., \$2,500; residence for the Lieut. Governor of the Territories, Regina, \$15,000; ditto repairs, \$2,000; Calgary court house, jail, registry offices, etc., \$10,000; Crown lands and timber agents' offices at Regina, Prince Albert and Edmonton, \$15,000; mounted police buildings, \$100,000. Court house, lock-up and police accommodation at Moosomin, Wolseley, Maple Creek and Medicine Hat, \$10,000. At Fort Macleod, a storehouse for the collector of customs and inspector of cattle ranches, \$1,000. General repairs and improvements to harbors and rivers in the Northwest Territories, \$4,000. Additional for the crection of two industrial schools in Manitoba, \$6,000; equipment of these schools, \$8,000. There are also several other sums for mission schools, etc.

The third annual meeting of the Alberta Stock Growers' Association was held at Macleod, commencing on May 3rd, and lasting two days. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, W. F. Cochrane; vice-pesident, F. W. Godsal and A. E. Cross; C. E. D. Wood was re-appointed by application, as secretary-treas-The committee on fire-breaks reported игег recommending that the following petition be sent to the Minister of Railways : "Petition of the Alberta Stockgrowers' Association regarding fire guards to railways. We, your petitioners, do humbly beg that in any charter granted to any railway company for building a road through any portion of the province of Alberta, a clause be inserted to compel the said railway company to make and maintain in an efficient manner, a fire-guard on either side of the track, and we, your petitioners, humbly suggest that such fire, guard should consist of two farrows plowed on either side of the track at a distance of 300 yards, and the prairie between the track and the furrows burned off at least once a year, as early in the fall as possible." The report was adopted. The committee on incorporation reported recommending that steps at once be taken to incorporate the Alberta ry on a tannery business at 45 Richard street.

Stockgrowers' Association. Adopted. A committee was appointed to frame a petition to the Northwest Council regarding the passage of an ordinance compelling a man to hold his hides for inspection, for a certain time, to be decided by the committee.

Grain and Milling News.

McCulloch & Co's roller mill, Rapid City, Man., is now running night and day by waterpower.

A couple of millwrights are putting in a new patent purifier in McCulloch & Co's mill at Rapin City, Man. This machine has lately been patented by Mr. Purby, of Carberry.

The following is a list of the import duties levied on wheat by various European countries :

	Per 100 kilos.	Per 450 Ibs.
Austro-Hungary	31 75c	6s 6d
France		Es 9d
Germany		10s 11d
Italy		88 9d
		78 4d
Spain Sweden and Norway		6s 1d

The grist mill will soon be in operation at High Bluff, Man . It will be run by McLeod & Co. They are putting in new machinery.

A petition is being circulated for signatures among the ratepayers at Indian Head, Assa., for presentation to the municipal council, asking that a by-law be submitted to a vote of the electors for the purpose of granting a bonus to secure the operation of the flouring mill. The mill at Indian Head, which was the property of the Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Co., has not been operated for some time, owing to the financial difficulties of the company. The bonusing of a mill already built to induce its operation, marks a new feature of the bonns craze.

The Manitoba members at Ottawa have presented a memorial asking the government to abolish the privilege of grinding wheat in bond. They represented that hard northwestern wheat was necessary for mixing with the soft varieties grown in Ontario. Under the bonding system a bond covering a certain quantity of wheat brought in is cancelled by the export of an equal quantity of flour. In other words one hundred thousand pounds of flour exported cancels a bond for one hundred thousand pounds of wheat imported. The actual wheat imported is used as a mixture in nearly all the flour that is made. The percentage is somewhat variable. The flour actually exported is not made either wholly or in a greater part of the American wheat imported. One-third percent, of twenty per cent. would represent the Duluth wheat. In other words, eighty-five and two-fifths per cent. of the products of Duluth wheat remains in the country, escaping dutics, while only fourteen and three-tenths per cent. was exported. Consequently Duluth wheat was just as available to Ontario and Quebec millers as Manitoba wheat, and by reason of the bonding system was placed on just as good a footing ; and as a further consequence, prices of Duluth wheat alsolutely control those of Manitoba wheat. Believing these facts to be correct, the Government is urged to take the matter up before this year's crop is harvested.

MORTON, ALEXANDER & MORTON are asking permission of the Winnipeg city council to car-

BASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

Nows favored the wheat bulls on Monday. Visible supply figures showed a decrease for the previous week of 2,004,000 bushels, which was about twice as big as estimated. Cold weather in the northwestern spring wheat belt also assisted the firmness. July opened at 89c, and ranged from S8§c to 90c, closing at 892c. Corn was strong on a decreased of 2,449,000 bushels in the visible supply. Provisions were strong. Closing prices were :

	May.	June.
Wheat .	88	SS]
Corn	6U2	5S-
Oats .	361	342
Pork .	14.55	—
Lard	8 473	8 50
Short Ribs	7.673	

The wheat market was keenly contested on Tuesday. July wheat opened at 894c, and ranged from SSc to 894c, closing at S84c. Heavy raids were made on the market by large open fors. Closing prices were:

Wheat wheat when the second se	May. 803	June. 87
Corn	591	577
Osts	353	34
Pork	14 S7	14.374
Lard	8,45	8.474
Short Ribs	7.60	7.62]

On Wednesday wheat recovered the loss of the previous day, and made a substantial gain in addition. Closing prices were :

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Wheat		May. SSI	Jrnc. S9]
Corn		69	573
Oats		35	341
Pork		14,30	
Lard		8.421	8.47}
Short Ribs		7.57]	7.60

Trading was large in wheat on Thursday, and fairly active in other commodities. July wheat opened at 90%, and ranged from 90c to 91%, clusing at 90%. Closing prices were:

				May.	Junc.
Whicht	•	•	· · · ·••	• -	S0]
Corn	•••••			59	
Oats				-	
Pork				14 -?0	14 20
Lard				8.424	8.45
Short I	Ribs				-

On Friday wheat prices were somewhat irregular, and there were several sharp changes in the market, on conflicting reports as to crop conditions. In the afternoon wheat sold down life, July wheat closed at 90 jc, August at 89 jc. Other closing figures were :

All		
00	May.	Junc.
Wheat	\$31	891
Corn .	59 <u>4</u>	573
Oats	. 351	341
Pork	14.37}	
Lard	8 62}	
Short Ribs	7.65	
Closing prices on Sa	turday were .	
•	May.	Junc.
Wheat	573	S72
Com .	57	56
Oats .	. 342	331
Iork	14.35	14.35
Ism	8.571	8.60

BISSETT & Son's warchouse on the C. P. R. track, Winnipeg, was burned Thursday last, supposed to have been ignited by a spark from a passing locomotive. The building belonged to Alex. Moffat, and was valued at \$3,500; insured for \$2,000. Contents only valued at \$500.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were :

•	-avu	June		ഷ്യം
Monday	881	801	891	
- Tucsday	87	- 581	881	-
Wednesday		89	110	807
Thursday		893	805	91
Friday		882	59J	891
Closing prices on Sat	urda	y wer	b: Ca	sh,
lune, 871 ; July, 88; At	ıg., 8	Š-J		

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The Canadian Gazette of May 3, gives the following quotations of leading Candian securitizs in the London market : Price, Rise, Fall.

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Canada 4 per cents., 1800	114	1	_
Ditto 31 per cents		1	_
Ditto 4 per cents, 1885		1	_
British Columbia 44 per cents	_	Ľ.	
do 6 per cents 1877	-		_
Manitoba 5 per cents.	_		-
Quebec 5 per centa, 18 3			-
Winnipeg 5 per cents.	_	-	_
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y register) 614	+	-
Hitto shares (London register)			_
bitto mortgage bonds.	1074	5	-
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	111	-	
Ditto first preference.	66	1	
Bank of B. C. fully-paid shares		ĩ	
Ditto £15 paid		_	
Bank of B. N. A	74	1	-
Manitoba Mortgage		<u> </u>	_
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 pald.			
Canada North-West Land	21	-	_
		1	_
Hudson's Uay Vancouver Coal, £9 paid		<u> </u>	_
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Hontreal Trade.

The grain market was much excited on Monday on strong advice from the west and a good demand from English buyers. Over 50,000 bushels of wheat changed hands at an advance. Manitoba hard appreciated nearly 5c and is now quoted at \$1 03 to \$1.05; No. 2 hard at \$1 to \$1.02: Manitoba strong bakers' sympathized and advanced 20c, and is now quoted at \$4.30 to \$4.40, with large sales. On Tuesday western weakness caused an easier feeling in grain and the market was quict. Prices were steady and little business was done. Quotations : Cana.la red winter wheat, 96 to 974c; Canada white winter, 96 to 971c; Canada spring, nominal; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.03 to \$1.05; No. 2, \$1 to \$1.02; No. 1 Northern, \$1; peas, 87 to SSc; oats, 41 to 414c; barley, 55 to 60c; corn, 65c, duty paid. Flour, good demand, general advance 10c. Manitoba strong bakers' at \$1.35 to \$4.44. Patent winter, \$4.75 to \$4.85. Patent spring, \$4.80 to \$4.90. On Wednesday grain was strong and excited and prices tended upwards, as reports from all over the country of the wheat crop are discouraging. A report from a Winnipeg firm of damage to the crop by frost caused a bullish feeling. A bid of \$1 was made for 1000 bushels of No. 1 Northern, which was refused. No. 1 hard, \$1.03 and \$1.05; No. 2, \$1.00 and \$1.02.

In green hides business was quiet with prices steady at 6c, 5c, and 4c, for No. 1, 2 and 3. Lambskins selling at 20c, and sheepskins at 85 ets to \$1.20. Receipts of calfskins large and prices at 5c.

Recepts of new butter were accumulating, and prices lower, good qualities going at 20c. In the Eastern Townships lower prices are also being paid. Old Western was taken for Newfoundland trade at 14c to 15c, but the quality poor. Prices.—New Townships, 20c to 22c; New Western, 18 to 20c; creamery, 22 to 23c. The Gazette says :--Last week may be regarded as the active opening of the cheese trade for the season, as up to the present receipts have been light. Reports from England indicate a determination on the part of the trade there to huy cautiously, and it is probable that until prices have touched bottom or a perfectly safe basis the bulk of the stock will have to go forward on shippers' or factorymens' account. We quote 9c to 94c, as against 10c to 104c for the same date last year. The shipments of cheese for the week ending May 12 were 1,232 boxes by the steamship Vancouver, against 965 boxes for the same week last year.

Montreal Grain Market.

A stronger tone prevailed in the grain market on Friday owing to a good demand by English and Ontario millers, and wheat advanced all round. Forty thousand bushels of No. 1 sold at \$1. Some round lots of Nos. 1 and 2 hard were made at quotations for future delivery. A bid of \$1 for 160,000 bushels of No. 1 North ern was refused, holders asking $1\frac{1}{2}c$, more. Quotations: No. 1 hard, \$1.04 to \$1.05; No. 2, \$.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$1.02; No. 1 Northern, \$1 to \$1.01 $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. B. MCALPINE, of Moosomin, is extending his shop and putting in a new front.

ACCORDING to the new assessment roll of Neepawa the value of rateable property is \$115,280, and the population 346.

JOHN MCGUIRL, of Moosomin, Assa., has about completed a large warchouse and mattrass factory. He is receiving a large stock of furniture.

PROF. BARRE, of butter-making fame, was at Emerson, lately, for the purpose of making ar rangements for the entry of some improved ercamery machinery he is importing from Chicago. The Professor is establishing four now creameries in Manitoba this year-three on the west side of Red River in the vicinity of Royal, below St. Jean Baptiste; and one cast of Winnipeg. His creamery at Joly, five miles east of Otterburn, will manufacture the milk of 600 cows this season. This creamery has been very successful. Last year it realized 25 cents per pound on most of its product, and butter that was shipped to British Columbia metted 22 cents per lb. The Prof. is enthusiastic re garding the future o, the cheese and butter making business in this Province.—Internet tional.



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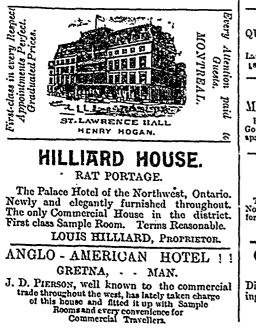
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Special Trade Notices.

WHEN King James the first wrote his counterblast to tobacco the royal pedant knew nothing of the "Myrtle Navy." If he had, instead of wasting his brains over his curious production, he would have filled his royal pipe with it, and would have taken a royal smoke, he would then have been prepared to admit that with regard to the injurious effects of tobacco, it all depended on what tobacco you smoked.



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British Columbia.

A. M. Nelson has opened a fruit and vegetable store at Westminster.

J. S. Smith, formerly of Revelstroke, will open a bakery at Kamloops.

Col. Gibson is considering the advisability of undertaking a scheme to dredge the bed of the Fraser river for gold.

R. T. Williams, publisher, of Victoria, is now preparing for the publication of a new directory for this province.

Mrs. J. M. Douglas has opened a hotel at Vaucouver. The building is large and comfortably furnished, and will be run as a family hotel.

The \$150,000 issue of Vancouver debentures which have been taken by the Bank of Montreal at 102, are payable at Vancouver, without commission. This is equal to at least 104 in London.

The fish markets just now are supplied with a great variety of fish. The sweet little colachan, the sturgeon, and salmon, halibut, brook and salmon trout are to be seen in addition to several varieties of the cod family.

A new steamer has been launched at Westminster by B. Young. She is said to be the strongest boat of her class ever built on the France. Her length is 60 feet over all, beam 13 feet and depth of hold 5 feet 6 inches.

The Vancouver council has requested the C. P. Ry. officials to replace the Sunday trains between Vancouver and Westminster. A short time ago the railway authorities were petitioned by citizens to discontinue the Sunday service, and they subsequently did so.

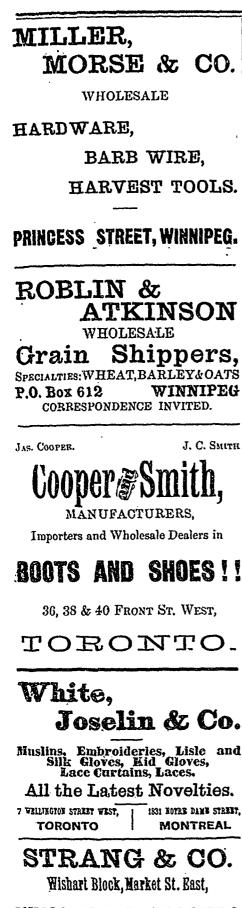
Instructions have been given to prepare plans for a new bank building for the Bank of British Columbia in Vancouver. The new edifice will be erected on the banks property on Hastings street, nearly opposite the post office. It will be a first-class building in every respect.

The annual meeting of the Westminster Woolen Mills Co., was held recently when the following were elected directors for the ensuing year : H. Elliot, John Hendry, Jas. Laidlaw, Jas. Punch, J. D. Paris, E. S. Scoullar, and D. Drysdale. H. Elliott was elected president, D. Drysdale treasurer, and J. N. Draper secretary.

E. C. Neufelder has retired from the grocery and liquor firm of Neufelder & Ross, of Victoria. The business will be continued by Dixi H. Ross under the style of Dixi H. Ross & Co. The business is one of the oldest in the city, having been established about thirteen years ago by Ross.

The council of Westminster has received a proposal from the Coqnitlam Water Works Co. to supply the city with a system of waterworks. The company proposes to bring water from Coquitlam lake, and to furnish an abundant supply for fire purposes and flushing sewers in consideration of receiving one-half of one per cent. on the city assessment; and the city has the option of purchasing the works at the expiration of thirty years. The value of the present assessment roll is probably about \$\$00,000, which would give the water company an income of \$4,000 on a $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, rate. As

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WHOLESALE GROGERS

AND DEALERS IN Provisions, Wines and Liquors, WINNPER. an offset against this tax it is claimed that the establishment of this water supply would make a reduction of nearly one per cent. in insurance rates.

Westminster Columbian · An amusing and rather alarming phase of the Chineses question has developed. Manahan Bros., of this city, brickmakers, have employed lately in their brickyards about coust numbers of white men and Chinamen, the total number of men employed being about thirty. This morning the Chinese boss sent up thirty Chinemen, and demanded that the "white trash" be turned out. and an exclusively Mongolian staff installed in the yards, ot else the fifteen Chinamen would be withdrawn. The "bluff" did not work, however, Manahan Bros. informing the pig-tailed "Knights of Labor" that they could go. During the hostilities the Chinese boss was asked to go up to the brick yard to settle matters. He replied indignantly. "Me go up your brickyard? No, me no go; you come down my store."

Victoria Colonist: The schooner Penelope with 655 seals skins aboard, arrived from the sealing grounds on Sunday. Seals are reported to be plentiful and when the Penelope departed for this port, the schooner Sapphire was taking them in large quantities. It is thought that this seasons catch will be the largest of any previous one and although some of the schooners were a little behind time, they are doing well. This is very gratifying news to the owners, who will at least be compensated to a certain extent for what they lost in the Behring's sea. Judge Swan, of Port Townsend, who has been in Victoria for several days, left for home yesterday morning. His visit here was for the purpose of acquiring information regarding sealing matters, which he will forward to Washington. The Judge states that Jacobs & Co., of Massachusetts, who own 1 large fishing fleet there, and who are also owners of the Mollie Adams, now sealing on the west coast, will send fifty schooners to this coast next spring for the purpose of engaging in sealing and fishing.

Westminster Columbian: One of the most important measures passed by the provincial legislature during the late session was the bill appropriating \$64,000 for the crection of machinery for the thorough testing of our quartz mines. Although there seems to be no reasonable ground for doubting that there are in this province millions of tons of rock which would yield a handsome profit to any person working it, there is practically no quartz mining going on in the province. The doubts which exist respecting the best way of treating the ores, and the cost of getting the machinery on to the ground, have proved too serious a barrier to the development of what is believed to be one of our greatest sources of wealth. Let it once be demonstrated that this rock can be profitaly worked, and there will be no longer any lack of capital for the development of our quartz mines. There are many owners of quartz ledges who are quite unable to stand the expense of erecting such machinery as is necessary to deal with these ores; but if a mill were within reach, they would go on at once with mining operations, getting out ore for the crusher. We should not wonder if the establishment of government |

mills proves to be the beginning of much greater activity in the mining regions, especially on the quartz ledges, (which are so numerous throughout the country.

- Bland, hotel, Victoria, sold out to Joseph Dayley.

McBride & Leach, hotel, Victoria, assigned in trust.

Joseph Daley, groceries and liquors, Victoria, business now carried on by E. Lego.

J e Bolivian barque Bundaleer, 921 tons, hus sailed from Vancouver, B.C., for San Pedro. Cal, with 951 piles, containing 51,330 feet, 22,791 feet planking, and 44 cords of fire wood, shipped by Leamy & Kyle for the Southern Pacific Railtoad.

Reed & Curry, of Westminster, wagon and carriage builders and importers, and blacksmiths, are putting into their establishment about \$2,000 worth of new machinery, consisting of a 12-horse power engine, with boiler, a steam lathe and drill, and steam fans, to take the place of the present hand-worked bellows, etc.

Financial Notes.

The Dominion Bank exhibits net earnings for the year ended 30th April at the rate of almost 17 per cent upon the paid capital. On a capital of \$1,500,000, the net profits were \$254,532. The deposits of this institution are very large, being \$7,223,000, nearly \$6,000,000 bearing interest. The circulation at the close of last month stood at \$1,209,865.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of New Brunswick the net profits for the year were shown to be \$63,722, or a little more than 125 per cent. on the capital. Two half-yearly dividends of six per cent. were paid.

Duncan McIntyre, of Montreal, who, since the inception of the C.P.R. and his lucky stroke with the "Canada Central," can probably command as much ready cash as any man in Canada, is credited with having invested in four thousand shares of Bank of Commerce stock the day before the great Hughes dry goods failure in Toronto. As the failure had long been anticipated, the stock of their bankers was not affected.

The Central Bank liquidators appeared before the Master-in-Ordinary, at Osgoode hall, Toronto, recently, and discussed the question of their remuneration. They pointed out that the liquidators of the Exchange Bank, of Montreal, had received an interim allowance of \$300, and in view of this the Master decided to allow Messrs. Howland and Gooderham to draw that amount per mouth from the date of the suspension of Archibald Campbell to March 21, and to allow the three liquidators to draw at the same rate from that date until the present.

The bill which Sir Charles Tupper has introduced in regard to the rate of interest on savings bank deposits alters the rate of interest now payable from absolutely 4 per cent. to a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. The reduction will not take place immediately.

The recent census gives Port Arthur a population of 5,000.

Tardif & Cadotte, manufacturers of shoes, Montreal, have dissolved.

C. P. R. Annual Meeting.

The seventh annual meeting of the C.P.R. Company was held at Montreal, recently. A balance sheet of the affairs of the company at 31 December last, together with the usual statements relating to the business of the past year, were submitted. The gross carnings for the year were \$11,606,412.80. The working expenses were \$\$,102,294.64 and the not carnings were \$3,504,118 16. Deducting the fixed charges accruing during the year, \$3,250,-263.81, the surplus was \$253.854.35. The working expenses amounted to 69.81 per cent. of the gross carnings and the net earnings to 30.19 per cent. The report says : A considerable part of last year's bountiful crop in the Northwest remains to be moved out after the opening of late navigation, now just at hand, assuring satisfactory returns for the first half of the present year. The total amount of grain moved during the past year was 15,013,957 bushels as against 10,950,582 bushels for the preceding year, an increase of nearly 50 per cent., which was entirely due to the increased production in the Northwest.

The company's grain elevators at Fort William, Port Arthur, Owen Sound and Montreal, notwithstanding their large use for the special purposes of the railway, have earned a satisfactory return upon their cost. The increase in the production of grain in the Northwest makes necessary an immediate increase in the elevator capacity at the lake ports and two additional elevators of large size are planned to be built at Fort William and a third but smaller one at Owen Sound the present season. With sufficient elevator capacity at Fort William and Port Arthur the movement of grain can be kept up throughout the winter, avoiding the necessity of carrying it through to the eastern provinces and to the scaboard by rail at a season when the rates must be either unremunerative or higher than the grain can bear.

The sales of lands to settlers during the year including lands of the Manitoba Southwestern railway were 59,993 acres at an average price of §3.391 per acre as against §3.23 per acre in 1886. The following was the position of the land grant at December 31st: Original, 25,-C90,000 acres; surrendered to Government under agreement of March 30th, 1886, 6,793,-014 acres; balance, 18,206,986; sale to December 31st, 1887, 3,294,511; less cancelled in 1887, 211,762; balance, 3,272,749. Quantity of land unsold, 14,934,237 acres.

Reference is made to the abolition of monopoly "which will stop the injurious agitation in Manitoba"; to future prospects, which are considered good in view of the large quantity of last year's crop yet to be moved, and to the development of the West; te the Pacific and Lake steamship lines, in which improvements in the service are provided, and to various other matters of minor importance.

The following directors were elected: Sir George Stephen, Bart., Montreal; Mr. W. C. Van Horne, Montreal; Sir Donald A. Smith, K.C.M.G., M.P., Montreal; Mr. Richard L. Angus, Montreal; Mr. Edmund B. Osler, Toronto; Mr. Sanford Fleming, C E. C.M.G., Ottawa; Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, senator, Montreal; Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, M.P., Kingston; Mr. R. V. Martinsen, Amsterdam and New York : Hon. W. L. Scott, Erie, Pa.; Mr. George R. Harrison, (of Messrs. Blake Bros., & Co.,) Boston; Hon. Levi P. Morton and Mr. Richard J. Cross, (of Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co.,) New York; Mr. Wilmot, D. Matthews, Toronto; P. Du P. Grenfell, London.

Trade at Victoria, B.C.

The wholesale jobbing trade of the city, especially in the grocery line for the season of the year, is regarded by traders as fairly satis. factory. In this branch of trade, as in others, eastern competition is changing previously established channels as well as causing keener competition and consequently closer margins on profits. Supplies are going forward to the can nerics, the logging and the new mining car ips being established in various sections of the province, which has kept grocery and provision houses active. In the retail line people must subsist and as population increases so as also does the demand for food wherewith to nourish the system. New houses are opening through. out the province and competition in consequence is keen with the retail hosues as well as with the wholesale men. From the latter we learn that collections are fair, and although not all that could be wished for still there is not much room for complaint. Customers are also retiring their paper in such a manuer as indicates that there is considerable mozey in circulation in the country.

With dry goods and dealers in fancy goods and millinery a fair amount of business has been transacted. The backwardness of the season, however, has interfered seriously with this branch as the sales have not been so satisfactory as could be wished. With seasonable weather a decided change will take place.

In other lines the usual complaint of trade being quiet is heard, yet considerable is being done, as is evidenced by the shipments to and from the city both by rail and by water.

In financial circles here, there is abundance of moncy for legitimate purposes, and at reasonable rates of interest. In some instances the rate of one per cent, per month is maintained. Gilt-edge paper, however, can be discounted at 8 per cent. and in some instances even at one per cent, less than that figure.

So far as the farmers are concerned their crops are pretty well advanced. The weather has not been the most propitious or encouraging. Still the growth has been remarkable so far, and if nothing untoward occurs the indications are that the returns this year will be better than for some years back. Prices are still high, especially for hay, and are well sustained, as the demand and supply fairly babance each other.

Real estate in the city keeps up in price. Choice localities are becoming scarce. The city is spreading out in every direction, for turn which way you will new crections are to be met. Several new blocks and residences are under completion. The prospect being that this year will after all present as fair a showing in the building line as any of its predecessors. The number of vacant houses which existed a few weeks since are being reduced rapidly, as the new comers lease them with avidity. The hotels and boarding houses are also filling up for the season. Upon the whole there is nothing to lead us to suppose that Victoria will this year not be able to present as good a record as the best in her past history.

A sharp advance has taken place in wheat as well as in flour. On the former it is \$3 per ton and on the latter 10c per barrel. It is believed the opening of navigation on the upper lakes in the east, as well as the certainty of their being a shortage is the primary cause for this advance.—*Times.*

Lumber Cuttiags.

Hunter & Moore have opened their lumber yard at Crystal City, Man.

The capital stock of the Calgary Lumber Company has been increased from \$85,000 to \$170,000.

The Royal City Planing Mills Co., of Westminster, has shipped 150,000 laths for San Francisco.

The Lake Winnipeg mills are now cutting. Log drives have been very successful this season. On the Lake the ice was still solid, though the rivers have been open for some time.

John Stewart, lately with Jas. Conmee, as lumber foreman, has purchased Andrews & Atkinson's portable mill at Elm Bay, Algoma district, and will cut about 1,000,000 feet of logs for Vigars Bros. of Port Arthur.

The Western Lumber Co. has bought the Vermillion Bay Mills, and proposes moving them to Rat Portage. The capacity of the mill will be about 50,000 a day. This is the newly formed company previously referred to.

The lumber firm of Graham & Horne, Port Arthur, has purchased the whole of Connee's log cut, some 3,000,000 feet, and contracted with Vigars Bros. for the sawing of them. Graham & Horne will utilize Conmee's mill for dressing the lumber which they will handle this year. Their mill on the Kamanista₁ma will not be used unless there is a good local demand for dressing lumber there.

The Brunette Sawmill Co., of Westminster, B.C., have added to their buildings a new wing, 30x80, for new machinery principally, and a commodious cook-house and dimmy room, 20x44. They have also built two large scows for their own business, besides a new pile-driver, and have constructed a shipping way, costing over \$200, to overhaul their tugs and other crafts. This firm are putting in about \$1,500 worth of new machinery, consisting of a flooring machine, a lathing machine and bolter, and a machine for sawing box lumber out of slabs. The mill is running on full time and nearly all of its manufactures are required to meet the local demand.

The case of the St. Catharines Milling & Lumbering Co. will be before the Privy Council early this summer. This is the case involving the title of Ontario to land and minerals of the territory formerly in dispute between the Province and Dominion. Judgments in favor of the Province have already been given in the High Court of Justice, in the Court of Appeal and in the Supreme Court, and it is scarcely to be doubted that the Privy Council will give judgment on the same side. Hon. O. Mowat will go to England to prosecute thus case and on other public business. It is expected he will leave this country about the end of May.

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THE COMMERCIAL



Dairy Matters.

The Springbank cheese factory near Calgary, will be in operation at once.

A. Patterson opened his cheese factory near Rapid City, Man., on the 20th inst.

Thirteen factories offered 511 boxes of April make, at Belleville, Ont., on May 10th. The sales made were 66 boxes at 8%c, and 347 boxes at 8%c.

Operations have commenced at the Crystal City, Man., cheese factory. The season pro mises to be a profitable one, the number of cows being about one hundred larger than that of last year.

The Belleville Cheese Board of Trade has elected officers as follows; Jas. Bird, president; W. McLaren, first vice-president; Jas. McComb, second vice-president; F. W. Brenton, secreatry-treasurer. •

H. Cooper has started a cheese factory at Poplar Point, Man., where he will have the milk of about 400 cows within a short range of country. The factory will be put in operation June 1st. It is his intention to make a specialty of 7 pound cheese, for family use.

The cheese market at Brockville, Ont., on May 10th, was weak and fully 1c fower About 500 boxes were offered and nearly all sold at 82 to 9c. The latter figure is an extreme for pet factories. Indications point to a heavy make this season, but the production of fodder cheese has been light.

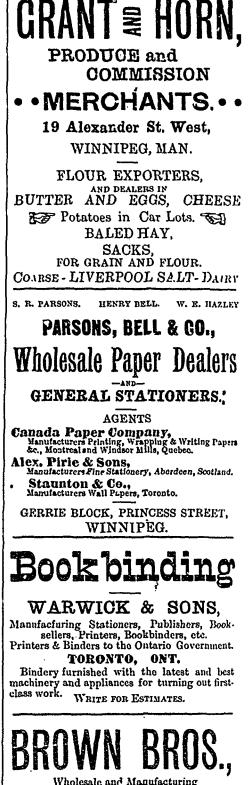
Carpenters and masons have been at work for some time converting Anderson's warehouse at Grenfell, Assa, into a cheese factory. First class machinery has been secured and placed in it, and cheese making commenced with a capacity of two hundred pounds per day. The company have secured the service of Delbridge, who comes from the neighborhood of St. Thomas, Ont., with a guarantee that nothing but a first class article will be made.

Calgary Tribune: It seems that the committee appointed to enquire into matters regarding the creamery business have allowed the matter to drop and thère seems to be no hope of anything being done this year about its organization. This is certainly a mistake, for if it had been set on foot this year it would have developed into greater proportion for next year. From present prospects Calgary will again have to draw the greater part of the butter required for local domands from Manitoba,

Editor's Table.

The May number of Woman has reached the Table, and if anything surpasses provious issues of this excellent magazine, the illustrations being specially good. Helen Campbell, in "Prisoners of Poverty Abroad,' contributes the first of a seriez of articles on the wretched. ness prevalent among the poor of the great British metropolis. Following letters will deal similarly with Berlin, Paris and Rome. Cecil Hampdon Howard gives a personal sketch of that noble woman, Louisa May Alcott, a contemplation of whose life should be sufficient to inspire the mind of womankind with the best of influences. The thoughtful woman will find in the paper by Julia Ward Howe, on "How to Extend the Sympathies of Woman," score for study and careful consideration. "Repre sentative Woman's Clubs," with many illustrations, forms a pleasant and entertaining article by Olive Thorn Muller. A dozen other articles and headings complete this interesting number. Woman Publishing Company, New York,

"Tales of Western Life," by H. R. A. Pocock, is to hand. The author is a new aspirant to literary fame. He is a son of Commander Pocock, of the Royal Navy, now resident at Toronto. The writer served some time on the engineering staff during the construction of the C. P. R., and later volunteered with the Northwest Mounted Police. During the Saskatchewan disturbance he received such injuries as will leave him a cripple for life. He is said to have been very popular with the officers and men whilst in the service, and but for his misfortune would doubtless have actained an honorable position in the force. In his western experiences Mr. Pocock has gained the knowledge which has enabled him to portray some of the features of life on the great prairies with tolerable accuracy. The sketches are interest. ing and written in a pleasing strain. They will certainly be received by western people, and especially by the Northwest police, with interest. The volume is dedicated to "The Riders of the Plains," and is illustrated with western views. It is hoped the author will receive eucouragement in his efforts to depict some features of life in the new West.



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- Jas. McKulzic, jubber, London, has assigned. J. A. Davies, tailor, Dresdon, has assigned. Geo. Murphy, shoes, Ottawa, has compromised.
- D. J. Doroschie, grocer, Cornwall, has assigned.
- John Koable, grocer, Humberstone, has as-
- Donald McNair, carriages, Milton, has assigned.
- Matthew Western, cooper, Oshawa, has assigued.
- Geo. Beacock, manufacturer, Brockville, has assigned.
- Geo. H. Hammond, carriages, Almonte, has assigned.
- Smead, Dowd & Co., furnaces, Toronto, have dissolved.
- G. A. Griffith, dealer in dry goods, Aurora, has assigned.
- J. F. Sharp, dealer in woolens, Greenock, has assigned.
- J. S. Gibson, dealer in gents' furnishings, Tounto, has assigned.
- Dominion Hat Co., manufacturers. Hamilton, are giving up business.
- Christie & Wilkinson, dealers in dry goods, Galt, have dissolved partnership.
- Evans Bios: & Little, planos, Ingersoll, trustee advertises business for sale 12th inst.
- Dunn & Leitch, general storekeepers, Muirkirk, have dissolved-Colin Leitch continues.
- Wm. Brown, furniture, Toronto, is advertising his business for sale by auction 22nd inst.

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- Guggisberg Bros., furniture Galt, are out of business.
- Taylor & Bate, browers, St. Catharines, wero burned out.
- John Hartley, creamery, Wyoming, was burned out.
- D. E. Rochon, hotelkeeper, Hawkesbury, has assigned.
- John Robertson, dealer in dry goods, Clinton, has assigned.
- G. O. Tecter, g = vrai storekceper, Tecterville, is out of business.
- C. G. Betts, general storekeeper, Haldanes Hill, has assigned.
- W. S. Dellor, druggist, Napanee, style now Detlor & Fullerton.
- Porter & McLcod, dealers in fish, Southampton, have dissolved.
- Robins, Sutherland & Co., accountants, Toronto, have dissolved.
- Mickus & Weltz, tins, Elmira, succeeded by Weltz & Opperhause.
- J. A. Perry, dealer in hats and caps, Toronto, called a meeting of creditors.
- A. Gregg, general storekeeper, Churchill, stock sold by auction 10th inst.
- P. Curran, dealer in hats and caps, Toronto, is compromising at 60c in the S.
- J. J. Jamieson, hotelkeeper, Toronto, business advertised for sale on the 14th inst.
- Albert White & Son, mills, Orwell, have sustained a heavy loss by dams washing away.

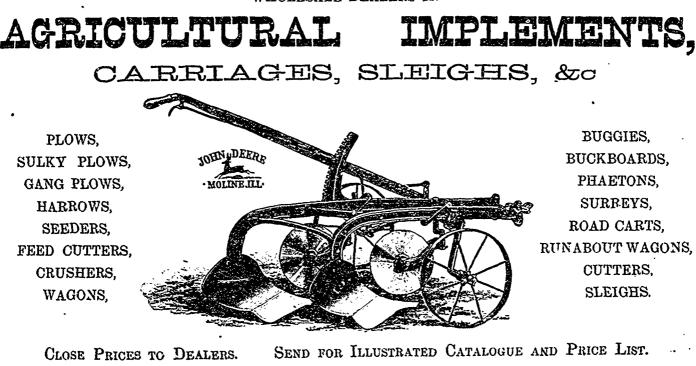
QUEBEC.

Achille Bcaudette, general storokceper, Victoriaville, demand of assignment made on him.

- Roderick McLeod, druggist, Quebec, is dead. Wm Thomas & Co., manufacturing furriers, have dissolved.
- Murphy & Ellis, dealers in coal, Quebec, have dissolved.
- Charlebois & Provost, barbers, Montreal, have dissolved.
- Hatton & Skeels. dealers in produce, Montreal, have dissolved.
- Wm. Dodd & Co., grocers, Montreal, held a meeting of creditors.
- Dunham & Murray, hotelkeepers, Montreal, are offering to compromise.
- D. H&C. H Sawyer, general storekeepers, Claranceville, have assigned.
- Louis Poulin. general storekeeper, L'Ange Gardien, Rouville Co., has assigned.
- Silverstone & Schloman, manufacturers of shirts and overalls, Montreal, have dissolved.
 - NOVA SCOTIA.
- A. E. Melanson, general storekceper, is offering to compromise.
- John McDonald, general storekeeper, Mabou, was succeeded by Alexander McDonald.
 - NEW BRUNSWICK.
- Outrum & Fielders, liquor dealers, St. John are offering to compromise.
- J. H. Pitt, dealer in dry goods, St. John, stock taken under bill of sale.
- White & McRobbie, dealers in boots and shoes, Sussex, have dissolved.
 - NEWFOUNDLAND.
- Scott & Lester Bros., jewelers, St. John's have, dissolved.
 - PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.
- M. A. McNeil, general storekceper, Conway, is out of business.

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The For Trade.

A Montreal exchange says : What silver fox is worth is a question that has more than once been submitted to us, and we are once more reminded of it by the fact that within the last days a skin has been offered in the city which furmen have appraised at from \$20 to \$55, each merchant offering all he considered it to be worth, for the reason that he desired to secure it. The fact is that silver fox are worth all the way from \$10 to \$100. Every skin has its own merit for which there appears to be no scale or standard. The skins are entirely fancy articles, each person judging them according to their own standard of merit.

The New York market alone, this season, will use from 1,500,000 to 1,750,000 muskrat skins, which is fully one-tenth less than former years. In addition to this, at the London sales there were offered during January and March this year 1,499,176 skins, while 500,000 skins remain in the hands of Leipsic dealers, and there are still more in the cold stores in this city, of which we cannot keep track. The State of Missouri, it appears, is the great field for producing musk rat skins.

At Montreal recently, there were large offerings of spring rats at the moment, and 17c was being paid for best selections; in other lines there was not much doing outside a little in beaver and mink. Quotations for prome kins were. Beaver, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bear, \$10.00 to \$12.00; cub ditto, \$4 00 to \$5.00; fisher, \$5.00; red fox, \$1.00 to \$1 25; cross ditto, \$2.00 to \$3.00; lynx, \$2.00 to \$2.50; marten, 60 to 65c; mink, 50 to 60c.; fall muskrat, Sc.; winter muskrat, 12c.; spring, 17c.; raccoon, 25, 50 and 75c.; skunk, 25, 50 and 75c.; otter, \$8 to \$10.

Facts—Not Fancies.

Occasionally a wholesale dealer is found who, never having investigated the matter, is of the opinion that an advertisement in a trade paper with a circulation of only a few thousand copies does not reach as many retailers as an advertisement in a daily paper with a circulation of from 50,000 to 100,000. If such men will take the trouble to investigate the subject, the absurdity of their opinion will be apparent. A trade paper is read exclusively by dealers, while a daily is read by the farmer, mechanic, professional man and the general public. Taking the ratio of one retailer to every 200 of the population, a daily paper with a circulation of 10,000 would only reach 50 retailers, while a trade paper with 3,000 circulation would equal that of a daily, as far as the advertiser is con cerned, with a circulation of 600,000. The retailer whose object is to reach all classes and conditions of society will, of course, find the daily press the most profitable medium ; but the wholesaler who seeks the retailers' attention alone, will undoubtedly find that trade papers will bring him many times the returns that a daily would. The latter caters to the taste of the general public; the former to the retail dealer alone, who reads his trade paper, advertisements and all from alpha to omega. Leather Gazette.

The Club Saloon, Vancouver, has been sold by Fred. Little to English & Manning.



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