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## WINNIPEG, MAY 21, 1888.

Corley Ljoyd, pork packer, Wiunipeg, has sold out.
Gro. Riley will open a horse collar manufactory at Winnipeg.
Ruthriford \& Co., of Stonewall, Man:, have bought the stock of W. R. Clark, of that place, who lately made an assignment.
Tuy 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 tho Port Arthar, Duluth and Western, which will get $\$ 3,200$ pr mile on about 85 miles of road, or a total of $\$ 271 ; 000$.
Theannualmecting of the Permanent Mortgage company was held last weei at the head offee, 609 Main street, Winnipeg. Arthur Stewart, mauager, presented a statement of the affairs of the company, showing $\$ 68,090$ under mort. gage 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 diecharged their duties during the past year, and for the success which has attended the company. The first issue of stock is nearly exhausted, and tho next issue will be at a premium, The following board of directors was elected : E. I. 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. Afording, as it does, a safe and profitable means of investing surplus funds, it will no doubt coninuo to steadily extend its operations.

Dr. Harrisos has sccured promises at Noepawa, Man., whure ho will opon a privato bank.

Jacons, of Crystal City, has disposed of his interest in the hotel at that place to Bell, of Tretins.
J. W. Sintir represented the Regina board of trade at the grain standard conference at Ottawa.
T. S. Fisuer, representing White, Joslin \& Co., fancy goods, ctc., Toronto, was in the city last week.

Tire bulance of W. B. McArthu:'s general stock, at Minnedosa, has been purchased by $R$. Mclenaghan.

Siriks \& Dindar, bakers, Winnipeg, have dipsolved partnership, and will hereafter do business separately.
Tue Royal hotel, Lethbridge, Alberta, was sold at auction recently, H. Bentley being the purchaser, for $\$ 1,250$.
Cavers \& Stuart, general dealers, Deloraine, Man., have dissolved partnership. Jas. Cavers will continue the business.

Rutledae Bros., Fort William, have sold out their dry goods to W. H. Cobl, of Ignace. They intend confining themselves to the grocery and gents' furnishing trade.
The Ontario House, Fort. William, has been rented by Quigley, of Savanno. Tho house has been renovated and repaired and will be one of the finest houses in the district.
TuE 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. Sonles \& Co.
J. L. Merkle, of the Bazaar, Yort Arthur, stationery and fnncy goods, will open business at Samlt Ste. Mary. W. A. McCallum, of Fort Willinm, will be assaciatsd 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 Mon. day, 2lat inst.

Miniltod 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, Cal. gary, is in difficulties, and the stock has heen 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 bo ar. rived at.

Tue Manitoba \& Northwestern Railway Co. has recently issucd a publication under the title "From the Red River to the Sas. karchowan." The book gives an interesting sketch of the conntry 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.

Wh. Walker, livory, Carberry, has sold out to John T. Cable.
Isaac Siupre, livery, Brandon, has been sold out by tho sheriff.
W. J. Hinman, livery, Winnipeg, is remov. ing to Minneapolis.

Wrigit Bros., dry gools, Vinnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

Bell Bros., grocers, Winnipeg, have opened a branch at McGregor.
Samuel Bagsiaw, photographer, Birtle, has succeeded W. Clavering.
J. F. Beake, general storekeeper, Carborry, has sold out to W. J. Smale.
W. Porteocs, hotel and livery, Birtle is advertising his business for sale.

Mirs. H. Dowss, estate of, general store, Virden, sold to Alex. Gemmel.
H. W. Faxseme, general storekeeper, Pense, contemplates giving up business.
A. Ferland \& Co., general traders, Calgary, Alberta. have dissolved partnership.
Cowas \& Co., printers and publishers, Yortage la Prairie, style now Cowan, Mashinttit \& Co.
Mynno \& Co., grocers and liquors, Brandon, have sold out their grocery business to Alex. Munro.

Walters \& Bakers, general storekecpers, Prince Albert, Alberta, contemplate dissolution of partnership.

Huours \& Kunsedy, lumber dealers, Rat Portage, Ont., have admitted T. T. Atkinson into partnership.
Smart, Stewart \& Co., wholesale jobbers and commission merchants, Brandon, contem. plate giving up business.
Jomn Hanbury \& Co., grocers, cigars, grain and produce, etc., Brandon, have sold out their grocery department to Barrett \& Co.
F. S. Moule, general merchant, Killarncy, Man., who assigned a short time ago, has made arrangements with the creditors to continue.
A. C. Freprore, drugs and liquors, Virden, Man., has sold out his liquor business to J. J. Caulfield, who also carries on a liquor business at Virden.
Ficmes asd Hose, hardware dealers, Rat Portuge and Keowatin, will both retain their branches, an arrangement between the houses to withdraw the branches having fallen through.
Tue well known wholesale commission firm of Henderson \& Bull, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Bull retiring. Tho business will be conducted under the same firm name by W. F. Henderson.

Mchenn Bros, gencral dealers, Moose Jaw, Assa, havo assigned in trust to J. H. Ross, of that place. The stock is advertised for sale by tender on May 28th, amounting to 59,508 , in. cluding 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 Wrest generally. A number of fino engravings of western scenes aro given, including a viow of Winnipgeg.


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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 Lientenant 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 inerchants may be mado sequainted with the Act, we will give a review of the sarious provisions of the measure. Tobacconists, nerrs agents, hotels, reireshment houses, are exempt froin the Act, when such lines of business aro 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-lave requiriag all shops belonging to the class specified in the application, to be closed at a specified hour. The applica. tion 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 busincess (other thaiinoted as exempt therefrom) for which a two-thirds majority make applica. tion for early closing. Thus grocery stores might bo brought under the Act, whilst dry goods stores would remain exompt. It is provided, however, that in cases whero two or moro branches of trade are carried on in ono store, the said store shall bo closed for the purposes of all such trades, if required to be olosed 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 liranch of trade, in favor of such repeal, No
punishment shall bo inflicted for supplying medicines, medical appliances, cte., after the regulated hours, or for supplying any articles required at once by reason of sickness or death. Agents or s3rvants violating the Act shall be equally liable with principhls. Such in brief are the main points of the bill. It will now bo loft to the inerchants to take up the enforcement of the Act. In the majority of towns throughout the Province the Act could be put in force to advantago, 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 earlior. One or two selfishly disposel 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 omployees in stwres should be treated with greater liberality and consideration than has been nsual heretofore. The earliest hour fixed in the bill is not a minute too carly 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 carly closing measure will soon go largely into force in Manitoba. The section of the Act ivgulating the hours for the employment of young persons in stores, will be dealt with in a separate paragraph.

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

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fourteen hours, including meal times, nor during any other day for more than twolve hours, including meal tumes, unless a different apportionnent of the hours of labor per day has been mado 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, unle:s such employment is without his consent. Occupiers of shops are recuuired to supply suitable seats for females employed therein, and to allow them to use such seats when not otherwise engaged. For viulation 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 conspicuons place. The provisions shall not apply to a shop wherein the only employees are at home and members of tho family dwelling there. This portion of the early closing Act will not come into foree until January lst, 1899.

The crop report of the United States agricul. tural department for May, places the general average of winter wheat at 73, which is the lowest condition, with one exception, for elght 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 ponts abovo the condition for this year. The crup last year was $203,000,000$ bushels. This poor condition of the winter wheat crop has been the main source of strength in the wheat markets of late.

Tue resolutions regarding the C.P.R. and the removal of monopoly in the West, liare been considered in Parliament, and wlopted liy

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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 procceds 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．．
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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 brek to the Mormon faith．Stenhouse resigned his sent in the British Columbia Legislature some time ago，in order to become a Mormon

Aftrir a close struggle，Mr．Kirehoffer＇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 partirs buying and selling real property，can have their titles made out either under the old system of registratiov，or under the Torrens system，as thought advisable．Now that the bill has become law，there is not much use in coudemning it，but it fally 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 amead the act as to reduce the
cost to figures within the usual charges under the old system．This recent movo to destroy the usefulness of the＇lorrens system of land transier，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 rat．，there scems to be no good reasou for per－ petuating two systems of land transfer．

A couple of Michigan men haye 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 oi 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 the 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 increused power to $r$ opel it，but if the capacity of the saw is doubled， this should not be a scrious drawback．

## The Commercial

WINNIPEG, MAY 21, 1888.

## THB BUDGET DEBATB.

The budget speech in the Manitoba Legislature was looked forward to with more than usual interest this session, on account of promised revalations which were to be made regarding the actions of the late Norquay Govermment. During Provincial Treasurer Jones' speech and those who followed him, the galleries of the house vere crowded with visitors. The Provincia! 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 appareat that there was a great deal of carelessuess 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 rublic 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 lias been experienced in quditing the accounts and arriving at a clear understanding of tho situation. In the Court of Queen's Bench the books were in bad shape, and no thorough audit can be made. The bank account was kept in the name of the pro. thonotary, and he is charged with having appropriated to personal uses accrued interest to the amount of $\$ 1,450$. 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 Muntreal, and cost the department $\$ 1,132$, insluding $\$ 79$ 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 $\$ 7,034$ 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 Jetter 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 Minisier in a most unenviable light, and apparently justifes 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 persona! 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 syatem 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. Thoug'a carelessness is shown in several departments under the control of the lato Ministers, yet it will be observed that the principal charges of wilful dishonesty on the part of a Minister are orought 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 inrestigation 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 \$1,60,000 LOAR.

In the course of his budget speech Provincial Treasurer Jones of Manitoba stated that the Government lad accepted an offer made by Drummoníd Bros. \& Moffat, of Winnipeg, on behalf of a Iondon 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 comwission 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 male 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 upen the country, blighting our future prospects, whilst tiue legality of the bonds was threatened by the disallowance policy of the Dominion. With the opposition of the Dominion Government and the great O.P.R. corporation, previous attempts to raise funds
to prosecuto tho Red River Vallay railway bad resulted so unsatisfactorily, that the offer of 103 must have been considered very favorable. Owing also to the op. position met with in immediatoly preceding efforts to raise funds, the negotiations in connection with the last loan were ur:iertaken privatcly. Since the removal of monopoly there is no douht but that the loan sould have been floated to much grester advantage to tho 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, disallovance 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 hape 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 viery that had the offer of Drummond Bros. \& Moffat not been accepted, and monopoly had been continued, the province might have beer: forced into a less favorable arrangement. In the latter event the Government would have been roundly denounced for pross carclessness in not accepting the offer of 103. Such horever are the exegencies of politics.

## mailifora's Finaicial stahing.

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 lst next, as cumpared with actual recejpts or \$429,171 for the present fiscal year; from the ManitJbs Gazette, $\$ 4,000$; law stamps, \$17,000; private bills, $\$ 1,200$; liquor licenses, $\$ 27,000$; interest, $\$ 17,500$; judicial district, $\$ i, 500$; Rdvance 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 Jands, $\$ 12,000$; County Court fees and sundries, $\$ 4,500$; pay for keeping lunatics from territorics, $\$ 10,000$; judicial boari, $\$ 1,210 ;$ M. \& N.W. railway 3 per cent on gross carnings, $\$ 5,000$; bills receivable, $\$ 500$; S.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 civii 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, immigıtion, 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-noing to "run the machine". It has always seemed an absurdity that the revenue of the province should be so largely caten 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. Summarizad, 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 presenc there are outstanding lis bilities of about $\$ 300,000$. Hon. Mr. Jones estimates the amount which will be required to pay up 'uebts and replace trus 'funds, so that the province can start the next fiscal year on the first of June next with a clear sheet, at $\$ 317,909$. 't'he principal
items in the deficit are: Bank overdraft, $\$ 76,238$; expenditure over revenue, for May and June, $\$ 30,920$; interest on Hudson's Bay railway, bonds, $\$ 19,225$; half.breed infants' fund, $\$ 101,207$; trust funds Court of Queen's Bunch, $\$ 26,500$; also probable expenditure of about $\$ 35,000$ to put Hudson's Bay Railway in shapo so that the Proviace 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 proftable re turn upon the money invested.

PROROGUED.
The Manitoba Legislature was prorogued on Friday evening last. The scession 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 serinus charges of mismanagement and dishonesty, made against members of the late Government. It 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 panties. In this connection it is to be regretted that, in the hest of debate, utterance was given to serious statoments, which, in a measure at least, were withdrawn later.


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## YILAMPBG MOXBY MARRBT.

There is little to be said about the state of uronetary affairs in this city since our last repart. The feoling in trado circles is one of inaction. Bunks have ample funds, but are not pressing business, and hold as closely as possi. Ule to regular customers. These customere are in no way inclined to lannch into any financial obligations, beyond what are absolutely neces. sary. Thus the volume of discounts is light, and at this part of tho month is particularly low. There is no change from the 8 per cent. minimum rate of discount, anl no new fecling or featuro likely to cause a change. In real eatate mortgage loans, a limited business in now farm loans is reported, with intorest payments coming in slowly but steadily. Altogether this lranch is very quict. Ithe interest rate holds stcaly at 3 per cent.

## WINIIPBG WHOLESALB TRADB.

The general situation in city wholesale circles last week was one of quictness. Alvices from the country indicato that farmers were getting through with the rush of apring werk, and were commencing to visit the towns more freely, as was indicated, liy a re-commencement of wheat deliveries to quite an extent in some markets. The wholesale trade, howover, has not yet felt the influence of increased buying, except in a fev brauches. Textile branches are still quiet, and with light jobbing business. Groceries nlow. Fruits are among the moro active branches. Harlware, lumber and building supplies are inproving in demand steadily. Collections were perhaps a little freer.

## CANSED GOODS.

A M ntreal report suys : Salmon for fature delivery is attracting moderate attention, for the reason that the principal buyers have entered orders for small lots of first deliveries, and are lisposed to await later developments before biuding themselves to take additional fuantities. 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 ondering largely. Qlictations here are as follows: Tomatoes, S3.25; peas, $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 3.75$; beans, $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3.00$; corn, $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.40$; peaches, (Canadian) $\$ 7.00$ to $\$ 3.00$; 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 $\$ 525$; pearhes (Culifornia) 88.50; pears, $\$ 8.00$; Plums, $\$ 7.50$; apricots, $\$ 8.00$.
prugs.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90 c ; German guinine, 65 to 75 c ; morphia, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.00$; iodide of potassium, $\$ 1.2 \overline{3}$ to $\$ 4.75$; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75 c ; Amorican camphor, 40 to 45 c ; Euglish camphor, 45 to 50 c ; glycerine, 30 to 40 c ; tartaric acid, 70 to 75 c ; cream of tartar, 35 to 40 c ; bleaching powder, per keg, $\$ \$$ to $\$ 10$; bicarb sods, $\$ 4.50$ to 85 ; sal soda, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.00$; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30 c ; alum, $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5.00$; copperas, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 3.25$; sulphur flour, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 5.00$; sulphur, roll, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 0.25$; American blue vitml, 73 to $\mathbf{S y}_{2} \mathrm{c}$.

FRUISS-GREE! VROETABLES, bTC.
Fnere is little new stuff yet in the market,
but a larger range of varietics are expected soon. Quotations were: Apples, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 6$ per barrel, accoriling to quality:* Advices report the Calitomin aralige rul lemon erop so very short, tho furmer leas than lialf as many boxcs as jast ycar. l'rices are: Messina oranges. 80 to $\$ 1 . \hbar 0$ athox. ('nlifumia Miversidea, seenlings, $\$ 0$ to $\$ 1040$; Fincy Hiversile Nísel, or secdless, $\$ 7$ to $\leq 30$; Mediterrean Siweeto and St. Micheal uranges. \$0 to \$(3.\%) per box ; Nesinat lemono, s゙ to $\$ 8.50$; l'ineapples, 80 :o $\$ 7$ per inzen Hanumas, st to si per bunch as to sizo, pie plant, or rhubarl, ic per poumi. FRUITS-DRIED, AND NUTS.
Quotations are as follows: Dates, lue per Ib.; in 50.1b. boxes; Valencia raisins, $\$ 2.30$ to $\$ 2.50$ per box ; Morand's Valencias, $\$ 2.40$ to 2.60 per box: Malagas, London layers, $\$ 3.50$; Elome figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18 c per Ib.; Walnuts, 18 e per lb.; peauuts, raw, 15e; roasted, 17 c ; almonils, 20c: pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15 c : Brazils, 17 c per 1 b .

FORS.
In the follouing range of prices it will be under. stood that only a No. 1 prime skin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grado of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the luweat in the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows:-Bearer, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 6$ per skin ; badger, 2je to $\$ 1.50$; black bear, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 16$; cubu do, 50 c to $\$ 4.00$; brown bear or cinnomon, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1 \overline{\text {; }}$; cubs $10,50 \mathrm{c}$ to $\$ 3$; grizzly bear, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 25$; cubs do. $\$ 1$ to $\$ 12$; white bear, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 50$; cubs do, $\$ 2$ to $\div!5$; lynx, 2 jc to $\$ 3.00$; cubs do, us to 40 c ; wild cat, 25 to $\overline{75}$; timber wolf, $2 \overline{\mathrm{j}}$ to $\$ 3$; large prairic do, 2 Jc to S .30 ; small prairic do or coyote, 9 jc to $\$ 1$; wolverine, 50 c to $\$ 4$; panther 10 c to $\$ 2.50$; fisher, 50 c to $\$ 6$; red fox, 2 ic to $\$ 1.50$; kit fox, 2 je to 60 c ; silver, grey, or black fox, St to $\$ 30$ according to color and quality, cross fox, $50 \mathrm{c} w \mathrm{SJ}$; blue fox, 50 c . to S4.50; white fox, 20 c to $\$ 1.50$; martin, 25 c to \$1.25, mink, 15 to 60 c , muskrat, midwinter, 6 to 10 c , fall, 3 to 5 c , spring, 3 to 12 c , culls and kits, 1 to 2c, otter, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 8$, do cubs, ei to Ju, raccoon, 25 to 80 c , skunk, 15 to 10 c . Skins may be so badly damaged or olit of season that even the lowest price stated, can not be obtained.
gruceries.
Trude is quiet and uneventful Tokohama advices report supplies of teas as equal to last year. A steamer was to sail on May l7th for Vancouver. Prices are: Sugars, dark yellow, 7 to 7 zc ; bright yellow, 75 to 7 ja ; granulated, $8 \frac{1}{2}$ to $84 \mathrm{c} ;$ lumps, 91 to 91 c . CoffeesRios, from 18 to 22e; Java, 25 to 30c ; Old Governmear 33 to 34 c ; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46 c ; Congous, 22 to 60 c ; Indian teas, 35 to 60 c ; young byson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, $\$ 2.40$ to $\$ 2.60$; sugar cane, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$; T. and 13. tobacco, 56 c per pound; P. of W., butts 47 c ; P. of W. caddies,
 Bright Navy, 3s, 56c ; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48 c ; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine's chewing tobaccos. Beaver, $\mathrm{Ss}, 6: 3 \mathrm{c}$; Jubilee, 38, $59 c$; Anchor, $\overline{3} 3 \mathrm{~s}$; Smoking, Vìrginia Leaf, 3s, 56 c ; do Leaf, 7s, 56 c ; Silver Shield, 7s, 53c; Cut Cavendish, 8s, 70c; Silver Ash, 8s, 5 lh . tin boxes, 0tc;- Club Mixture, 8s, 95 c . Special
breuds of cigars are quotel: Reliance, $\$ 50$ : (Ben. Arthur, $\$ 50$; Mikalo, $\$ 40$; Terrier, $\$ 30$ per 1000 .

## HIDEA.

Quotations are unchangel anil as follows: Wiunipeg inspection, No. 1, 4e; No. 2, ke ; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound akius, No. 1, 0c; No. 2, fe; sheop pelts, 25 to 50 c . T'allow, renderel, fe per 1 lb ; rough, lfe per pouml.
mardwakg and metats.
Prices remain steady at prices as follows: Zut nails, 10 l and larger 83.75 ; I. C. tin plates, $\$ 6$ to $\mathbf{3} 6.25$; I. C. tin piates, donble, $\$ 12.00$ to $\$ 12.50$; Canada plates, $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 4.25$; sheot iron, 83.75 to $\$ 3.50$, nccorling to grade; i a pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; i... . $t$ tin, 40 to 42 c per lb ., according to quality ; bar iron, $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 3.50$ per 100 lbe ; shot, $0 \frac{1}{2}$ to 7 ; per llu.; tarred felt, $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 2.95$ per 100 lbs. barbed wire, of to 7e

## lkather and pindings.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish solo 27 to 31 c . slaughter sole, 30 to 22c; French calf. first choice $\$ 1.2 \mathrm{j}$ to $\$ 1 . \overline{0} 0$; Canadian cali, 75 c to $\$ 1.00$; Frenen kip, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.10$; B Z kip, 85 to 90 c ; Bourdon $\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{p}}^{2}, 70 \mathrm{c}$; slaughter kip, 55 to 0.5 c ; No 1 , wax upper, 45 to 50 c ; grain upper, 50 c ; harness leather, 29 to 32 c for plamp stock. American oak sole, 45 to 00 c ; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23 c ; colored linings, 12 c .

## raints, olls AND Colohs.

Prices now quoted: Turpentine, sow in five.gallon cans, or 7ace in barrels ; harness oil $\$ 1.00$; neatsfoot oil, $\$ 1.25$; linseed oil, raw, 700 per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal vil, steam refined, $\$$; nastor, $12 \frac{1}{2}$ p per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.2i per gal. olive, oil, pure, $\$ 1.50$; union salad, $\$ 1.25$; ma. chine oils, black 25 to 40 c ; olcine, 40 c ; fine qualities, 50 to 75 c . Coal oils, silver star, 2 (ic; water white, 29 c . American oils, Eocene, 3 fc ; water white, 3lc; sunlight, 23c. Calcincl plaster, $\$ 1.25$ per barrel ; Port. land cement. \$j to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, $\$ 7.00$; No. $1 \$ 6.50$; No. $2 \$ 6.00$; window glass. first break, $\$ 2.2$ i. Alabastine, $\$ \$$ per case of 20 pkgs .

## wines and spirits.

Prices are. Canadian rye whiskey, five ycar old, $\$ 2.40$; seven ycar old, $\$ 3$; old rye, $\$ 1.75$; Jules Robin brandy, $\$ 4.00$; 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, Ss.50; Port wine, $\$ 2.50$ and upwards; Sherry $\$ 2.50$ rand upwards; Jamaica rum, $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 1.50$; DeKuyper red gin, $\$ 11.50$ per case ; DeKuyper green gin, $\$ 6.50$ per case; Tom Gin, $\$ 9.00$ to $\$ 10.00$; Martel and Henuesy's brandy, one star, $\$ 14$ per case of 12 bottles; v. $0 ., \$ 10$; v. 8. o. p., $\$ 22$.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { THB MARKETS. } \\
\text { WINNIPEG. } \\
\text { WHEAT: }
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Up to the time of writing the crop situation remaius very backward. There has been prac. tically 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 grouml. Only on the last day's of last week were thoro indications of a change. Rain and warm weather is uow badly needed. Farmers have conamenced to deliver wheat again, and at some provincial markets deliveries were quito large. This indicates that seeding has been about completed and farmors are through with the rush of spring work. Prices paid to farmers ranged from 65 to 70 c , the variations being according to tl murket, on a basis of 之iv. 2 haril. In one provincinl market iec was paid farmers. Car lots on track sold as high as $7 . i$ and Jic, which were top figures for th: week. Flour.
With the strength in wheat, prices temd stealily unward, and another alvauce of 3 to 10 c is noted. Quotations in lots to the local trade, are:-Patents, $\$ 2.30$; strong bakera, $\$ 2.15$; XXXI, Sl.dis ; supertine, Sl.30.
milistuffs.
Bran is now ghoted at $\$ 10$ per ton amd shorts Sl:2 per ton.

## oats.

If anything the tendency is casier, and de. liveries are expected to be more free, now that seeding is over. Prices are about nominal, but mily be giten at about 30 to 32 c .

## oatmeal.

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

## RGGS.

Deliveries continue to be light last week, but the demam? was also moderate. I case lots 130 was the usual figure, with 12e uffered
for larger lots. The feeling is casier in expec. tation of large receipts coming in soon.

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There is very little eliong in this commodity, beyomi is few sales iswmall lots for city use. From 17 to 15 Se may pal be quoted for the best yualities of new, with fecliug easy. L.ABD.

Best Chicago lard was lirm ut \$2.25 pev 20 pound pail, with native held at $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 2.30$. faferior qualities of imported lard may be ob. tained from $\$ 2.00$ upward.

CURED MEATS.
Prices are stronger, and with fractional adrances. (luotations are: long clear, $11 \ddagger$ to 114 ; breakíst bacon, 111 to 15 e ; rolls, 1312 c ; hams, 15 to lis. c.

DRESSR:D MeATS.
Prices were: 13cef sides 6 to 7 c ; pork, 8.3c: minton, 13 c ; veal, 8c to !c.

IITE STOCK.
Cartle steady at $3!$ to 4 c , hogs $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to 6 c .
veghtables.
P'atatoes easy at 25 to 30 . Other prices are: Onions, $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.80$ per bushel; cabbage, $\$ 10$ per 100 for good ; celery, $50 c$ to \$l per dozen bumches, ns to quality; carrots 50 to 60c per bushèl; curnips, 25 e per bushel.

## Toronto Trade.

Prices on Wednesday were reported: Wheat

- l'all, No. 1, 95 to 96 c ; No. 2, 92 to 94 c ; No.
; 3, 90 to 91 c ; spring No. 1,90 to 91c ; No. 2,85 to Sic. No. 3, x2 to S3c, red winter, No. 2, 93 to 1 He ; barley, No. 1, 6.jc ; No. 2, 60 c ; No. 3, cxtra, ijuc ; No. 3, 45 to 00 ; peas, No. 1, 22 to 73 c ; No. 2, 71c ; oats, No. 2, 4 Jc ; flour, extra, $\$ 305$ to $\$ 3.70$. Market quiet. Sales made Oats, No. 2, at 46 c on track.

Buttor was reported rathor lower, receipes being much larger. Large rolls sold at 16 to 10.2c, with an occasional package of choice at 17c. Medium sold at 14 to 15 c . Now tub be. ginning to offer more frecly and sold at 10 to 17e. Ohl tul dull, with a sale of inferior at 8:

Provisions were quoted : Mess pork per bll.; $\$ 17$ to $\$ 17.50$; bacon, Cumberland cut, per 1 b . 3) to 9 E ; long cleir per lb. of to 9 jc ; lard, tierces, per lb. 10 to 10 fc ; lard, psils, 11 to $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$; hams, per lb. $11 \frac{1}{2}$ to 12 fe ; bellies, per lb . 11 to 12 c ; volls, 10 to to 11 c .

## General Motes.

1 Ed. Logan has started a lumber yard at Portage la Prairie, Man.
The amount of customs eluties collecterl at Port Arthur for the four months ending 204, of April last, was $\mathbf{S 6}, 171.84$.
The repeal of the tax on commercial tritel. lers in Quebes is credited with the recent -stir apparent on the strects.

There were 13,400 loge placed in the mill yard of Rolinson's mill at Beaver, B. C., lest winter and the work of mannfacturing goes $n \mathrm{a}$.
The co-operative boot and shos factory at Montrcal has just commenced cperations. The profits of the concern will be divided ainongst: the stockinotders.

According to Ottawa figares the innmgration returns for April show the total arrivals for the month to be 16,19\%. At Emerson 9:30, at Gretina 134. Total arrivals for four montha 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 Motes.

W. J. Claske, of Port Arthur, contemplates the erection of a large three story block.
An immigrant with a family landed at Cal. gary recently with only 15 cents in his pocket.
All along the line of the C P. R. in Algoma, the towns and bamlets are springing into great. er life and vigor.

Fort William's natural gas find is attructing the attention of outsiders. An expert will make a thorough test of the gas.
Port - :hur Sentinel: A reporter was informed that the whole of section 33 , in the towaship of McIntyre, adjoining lort Arthur, has just been sold to a gentlemun in England at $\$ 10$ per acre.
Seutinel: 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 lost year's transactions.
The Dominion coal compary will handle 25,000 tons of coal this year in their yards at lort Arthur and at Fort William. It is also reported that the C. P. R. company will handle i4,000 tons of coal on Thunder Bay docks this year.
The uew steamer Algungun belonging to Thomes Marks \& Co, of lort Arthur, is on her way to that port from Glasgow. This ves. sel is built with her butk heads arranged so that she can be cut in two at Mentreal and floated up the canal.
A letter to the Macleod Gazette, from Lees's Creek, eays that all the settlere there are busy at their spring work. They are putting in all the wheat, oats, barley and vegetahles the laicness of the seuson 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 previons year in the comntry's history.
The Algoma Gold and Silver Mining company has been incorporated; principal oflice, Minneapolis ; capital steck. $\$ 2,000,000$; limited inilebredness, $\$ 7.0,000$; incorporators, 0 . N. Murloch, A C Dunn, Fred. J. Bletcuer, A. F Olusted, H. J. Crosswell, George II. Browne, R. R. Knapp and E. E. MeDonall.

The Ontario Coverument have decided to send to the Ohio Vailey and Central States centenmal exposition, to bo held at Lincinmani froin July $\&$ to October 27, an exhibit of Ontario minerals as complote ns can be male in the limited time for collecting specimens. That Algona may be well reprecented, D. F. Burk and Peter McKellar have been requested by the provincial department of agriculture and statis. tics to make as large a collection of the minerals of the district is can be furnished.

The Rat Portage council has necepted an offer of the publisher of the Neres of that place to print 5,000 copics of a pamphlet setting forth the advantages possessed by the district, and showing the grand water porrer privileges, cte, 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 Ice. landic families will remove from Dakota to the Calgnry 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 has seen north of Calgary.
The Dominion estimates contain the following amounts to be expended in Munitoba and the Territuries: Branion immigrant buiding, im. provements, etc., \$2,500; W'iunipeg immigrant building, including site, etc., sio,0no, Manitoba penitentiary, alditional residences for chaplains and surgeons, $\$ 30,000$; payment to Gordon Ornick for land reguired for mounted police purposes at Maple Creek, 12,000 ; brillge over Belly river at Lethbridge, SiJ,000; brilges on the trail between Edmonton and Athabasea Landing, $\$ 2,(001)$; laattleford land and registry offices, to complete vault, ctc., $\$ 2,500$; residence for the Limat. Governor of the 'Ierritories, Re. gina, $\$ 15,000$; ditto repairs, $\$ 2,000$ : Calgary court heuse, jail, registry offices, etc., $\$ 10,000$; Crown lands and timber agents' offices at Re gina, Prince Albert and Edmonton, $\$ 15,000$; mounted police buildings, $\$ 100,000$. Court house, lock-up and polica accomnodation at Moosomin, Wolsele;, Maplo Creek and Medicine Hat, $\$ 10,000$. At Fort Macleod, a sture. house for the col'ector 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 erection of two industrial schools in Manitoba, $ミ G, 000$; equipment of these schools, $\$ 8,000$. There are also several other sums for nission schools, ctc.
The third annual meeting of the Alberta Stock Growers' Association was heldat Macleod, commencing on May 3rd, and lasting two days. The election of ofticers for the cnsuing year was proceeded with and resuited as follows: President, W. F. Cochrane; viee.pesident, F. W. Godsal and A. E. Cross; C. E. D. Woorl was re-appointed by application, as secretary-treas. ures The committee on fire-breahs reported 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 amy clarter granted to any railway company for building a road through any portion of the province of Allerta, a clause be inserted to compel the said railway company to make and maintain in an efficient manner, a fire-grard on cither side of the track, and we, your petitioners, humbly suggest that such fire, grand shonda consist of two furrows plowel on either side of the track at $a$ distance of 300 yards, and the prairicibe. tween tie track and the furrows bumed off at lcast oncea ycar, as carly in the fallas passible." The report was adopted. The committec on incorporation reported recommending that steps at onec be taken to incorporate the Alberta

Stockgroncrs' Association. Adopted. A consmittee was "plpointel to frame a petition to the Northwest Council regariling the passage of an ordinauce compelling a wan to hold his hides for inspection, for a certain time, to be decided by the committee.

## Grain and Milling Noms.

MeCulloch \& Co's roller' mill, Rapil City, Man., is now rumning night and day by water. power.
A couple of millwrights are putting in a new patent pritier in MeCulloch \& Co's mill at Rupin 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 Europeun countries:


Tue griet mill will soon be in operation at High llluff, 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, ask. ing that a by-law be submitted to a wote of the electors for the parpose of grancing a bonus to secure the operation of the floiring mill. The mill at Indian Heal, which was the property of the Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Co., has not been operated for some time, owing to the fimancial difticulties of the company. The bouusing of a mill alrcady built to induce its operation, marks a new feature of the bonus craze.

The Manitoba members at Ittawa have presented a memorial asking the government to abolish the privilege of grinding wheat in bond. They represcuted that hard northwestern wheat was necessary for mixing with the soft varieties grown in Ontario. Under the bonding systen: 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 hundied thousind poumls of flour esported cancels a bond for one hundred thousand pounds of wheat imported. The actual wheat inpported is used as a mixture in nearly all the flour that is nuile. The percentage is somewhat variable. The flour actually exported is not made either wholly or in a greater part of the American wheat importm. Onc-tinird per cent. of twenty per cent. would represent the Duluth whent. In other words, eighty five and two fifths per cent. of the products of Duluth wheat remains in the country, escaping latics, while only fourteen and threc-tenths per cent. was exported. Consequently Duluth wheat was just as nvailable to Ontario and quebec millers as Manitoba wheat, and by reason of the bonding syaton was placed on just as good a footing; and as a further consequence, prices of Duluth wheat alisolutely control thase of Manitola wheat Belioving these facts to be correct. the Government is urged to inke the matter up beforo this ycar's crop is harvosted.

Mobtos, Alexander \& Moktos aro asking permission of tho Wimnipeg city council to carry on a tannery busincss at 45 Richard strect.

## BASTBRN MARKBTS. chicago

Nows favored the whent bulls on Monday. Visible supply figures showed a decrease for the pictrious week of $2,004,010$ buahels, which was about twice as lig as cstimated. Coll weather in the northwestern spring wheat belt also assisted the firmess, July opened at 89 c , and ranged from 888 c to $90 \%$, cloning at 89 gc . Corn was strong on a decreased of $2,449,000$ bushols in the visible supply, Provisions were strong. Closing prices were:

| Wheat | $\begin{gathered} \text { Hay. } \\ \text { \&s } \end{gathered}$ | Ju:ie. SSI |
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| Corn ....... ... ......................... | 603 | 5513 |
| Oats | 36\% | $34:$ |
| Pork | 14.35 | - |
| Lard | 8473 | 5 50 |
| Short İibs . .... ... ........ ..... | C.tid | - - |

The whent market was keenly contested on Tuesilay. July wheat opened at 89 fc , and ranged from SSc to 893c, closing at SSAc. Heary rails were made on the market by large oper iors. Closing prices were :


On Weducsday wheat recovered the loss of the previous day, and male a sulstantial gain in addition. Closing prices were:

| Wheat .. .... | May: | Junc. 599 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corn ..... | :9 | 5 Si |
| Oats. ... | 35 | 343 |
| Pork ... .... ............... | 14.14) | -- |
| Land | S.4.2 | S.531 |
| Short litus . | 7.5312 | 2.60 |

Trading was large in wheat on Thursday, and faidy active in other commodities. July wheat
 closing at : Kofe. Closing prices were:

| Wheat | $\cdots$ | 3lay. | Junc. $59!$ |
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| Comn .... | ... | (8) | -- |
| Oats |  | - |  |
| Pork |  | $14 \%$ | 15\% $\%$ |
| Lard | - | \$.424 | S. 15 |
| Short fils | ............ | - | - |

On triday wheat prices were somewhat ir. regular, and thene were several sharp changes in the market, on conflicting reports as to crop conditions. In the afternoon wheat sold down 1 fc , July wheat closed at 90 jc . August at siasc. Other closing figures were :


Closing prices on Saturday were.

| What |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hay: } \\ & \text { si:iz } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{S \cdot i t}{ }$ |
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| Com |  | 5 | 0 |
| Ozes |  | 541 | 33\} |
| Iork |  | 14.35 | 11.35 |
| Lard.. | -- | 3.57] | s.co |

Bissett \& Son's warchouse on the C. l'. R. track, Wianipeg, was burned Thursiay last, suppoged to have been ignited by a spark from a passing locomotive. The building belonged to Alcx. Moffat, and was valued at $\mathbb{\$ 3 , 5 0 0}$; in. cured for $\$ 2,000$. Contents only valued at Si00.

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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


Closing prices on Saturday wero: Cush, -, Juие, 87 ; Ju.g., SS; Aug., 8-1

## CaNadIan securicif: in england.

The Canalian Gaseffe of May 3, gives the following quotations of lealing Candian securitiss in the London market :


The grain market was much excited on Mon. day on strong adrice from the west and a good demand from English buyers. Over 50,000 bushels of wheat changed hands at an advance. Manitoba hard appreciato's nearly je and is now quoted at $\$ 103$ to $\$ 1.05$; No. 2 hard at $\$ 1$ to \$1.02: Manitoba strong bakers', sympathized and advanced 20 c , and is now quoted at $\$ 4.30$ to $\$ 4.40$, with large sales. On Tuesday wesiern wicalness caused an casier fecling in grain and the market was yuict. l'rices were steady aud little business was done. Quotations: Cana.!a red winter wheat, 96 to 97 Ac ; Cannda white winter, 96 to 97 zc ; Canada spring, nominal; No. 1 hard Manitoba, $\$ 1.03$ to $\$ 1.05$; No. 2, S1 to $\$ 1.02$; No. 1 Northern, Sl ; peas, 87 to SSc ; oxts, 41 to 413 c ; barley, 5.5 to 60 c ; corn, (iijc, duty paid. Flour. good demand, general adrance 10 c . Manitoba strong hakers' at $\$ 1.35$ to $\$ 4.44$. Patent winter, $\$ 4.75$ to $\$ 485$. Pa. teat spring, S4.S0 to $\$ 190$. On Wednesiday grain was strong and excited and prices tended upwards, as reports from all over the country of the wheat crop are discounging. 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, S1.03 and Sl.05; No. $2, \$ 1.00$ and $\$ 1.02$.

In green hides basiness was quiet with prices stcady at $\mathrm{Gc}, \mathrm{ic}$, and 4 c , for No. 1,2 and 3. I-ambskins sclling at 20c, and sheepakins at 85 cts to $\$ 1.20$. Reccipes of calfokins large and prices at $\bar{j} c$.

Recepts of new butter were accumulating, and prices lower, good qualities going at 20 c . In the Eastern Townshins lower prices are also being paid. Old Western was token for Newfoundland trade at 14 c to $1 \overline{\mathrm{y}}$, but the quality poor. Prices _-New Townships, 20c to 22 c ; New Western, 18 to 20 c ; creamery, 22 to 23 c .

The Gaselle says :-Last week may be regaried as the active opening of the checse trade for the season, as up to the present receipts have been light. Reports from England indicate a detemination on tho part of the trade thero 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 10 to 9 de , as against 10 c to 10 fc for the same date last year. The slipments of cheese for the week ending May 12 were 1,2:32 boxes by the steamship Vancouver, against 90;i boxes for the saine week last year.

## Montraal s:rain Market.

A stronger tone prevailed in the grain market on Friday owing to a good demand by Einglish and Outario millers, and wheat advanced all round. Furts thousand bushels of No. 1 sotht at $\$ 1$. Some round lots of Nos. 1 and 2 hard were made at yutations for future delnery. A bid of $\$ 1$ for 160,000 bushels of No. 1 North ern was refused, holders asking $1 \geqslant \mathrm{c}$, more. Quotatious: No. I hard, \$l.04 to \$1.05; No. 2, \$.001 to \$1.02 : No. 1 Northern, \$1 to \$1.01!.
T. B. Mcabirine, of Mooscmin, is extending his shop and putting in a new front.

Accompiss to the new assessment roll of Necpawa the value of rateable property is $\$ 115,2 \mathrm{SO}$, and the population 346 .
Jons Mctiurki, of Moosomin, Assa., has about completed a large warehouse and mattrass factory. He is recoiving a large stock oi furniture.
Proy. Banmy, of buttor-making fame, was at Emerson, lately, for the purpose of making ar rangen.ents for the entry of some improvel creamery machinery he is importing from Chicago. The Professor is establishing tow now creameries in Manitoba this year- threc on the west side of Red-River in the vicinity of Royal, below St. Jean Raptiste; an.l one east of Winnipeg. His creamery at $\ddagger \mathrm{j}$ ly, five miles cast of Otterburn, will manufacture the milk of 600 cows this season. This creamery has been vary successinl. Last year it realized 25 centper pound on most of its product, and butie: that was shipped to British Columbin tulterd 29 cents perll. The Prof. is enthasiastic se garding the future 0 . the cheese and butto making lusiness in this l'rovince.-Interma tionит.


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## Biltish Columbia.

A. M. Nelson has opened a fruit avid vegetable store at $\mathrm{W}^{2}$ estminster.
J. S. Smith, formerly of Rovelstroke, will oper a bakery at Kamloops.
Col. Gibson is considering the alvisability of undertaking a schemeto tiredge the bed of the Fraser ricer for gold.
R. T. Williams, publisher, of Victoria, is now preparing for the publication of a new di. rectory for this province.

Mrs. J. M. Douglas has opened a hotel at Vaucouver. The building is large and com. fortably 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 suppliod with a great varicty of fish. Thesweet little colachan, the sturgeon, and saimon, halibut, brook and salmon trout are to le seenf in. audditionio several varieties of the cod family.

A new ateamer har been launched at Westminster by B. Young: She is said to be the strongest boat of her class ever built on the Frasi:- irorlength is 60 fcet over all, beam 13 feet and depth of hold 5 feet 6 inches.
The Vansouver council has requested the $C$. P. Ry. officials to replace the Sunday trains between Fancouver and Westminster. A short time ago the railway authorities were petitioned by citizens to discontinue the Sunday service, and they subsequently did so.

Instructions havo 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 meoting 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. Yaris, E. S. Scoullar, and D. Drysdale. H. Elliott was elected president, D. Drysdaic treasurer, and J. N. Draper secretary:
E. C. Neufelder has ratired from the groce.y and liguor firm of Neufelder $\&$ Ross, of Victoria. The business will be continued by Dixi H. Ross under the style of Dixi M. Ross \& Co. The business is one of the oldest in the city, having been established about thirteen years ago by Ross.

The council of tiestminster has received a proposal from the Coqnitlam Water Works Co. to supply the city with a system of waterworks. Ihe company proposes to bring water from Coquitlam lake, and to furuish an abundant supply for fire purposes and flushing sewers in consideration of recciving nne-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 $\$ 800,000$, which would give the swater company an inconic of $\$ 4,000$ on a $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. rate. As

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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. Mamainan Bros., of this city, brickmakers, have employed lately in their brickyards about cqual numbers of white men and Chinamen, the total number of men employed being about thirty. This morning the Chinese boss sent up thirty Chnemen, 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 withlrawn. The "bluf" did not work, however, Niamahan Bros. informing the pig-tail. ed "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. Ho replied indignantly. "Mo go up your brickyard? No, me no go; youl come down my store."
Victoria Colonist: The schooner Penclope 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 Yort Townsend, who has been in Victoria for several days, left for home yesteriay 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 tleet there, and who are also owners of the Mollic 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 erection of ma. chinery for the thorough testing of our quartz mines. Although there seems to be no reasonable ground for loubting that there are in this province millons of tons of rock which would yield $a$ handsome profit to any person workind 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 gmund, have proved too serious a barrier to the development of what is believed to be one of our greatest sources of wealith. Let it once be demonstruted that this rock can be profitaly worked, and there will be no longer any lack of capital for tho development of our quartz mines. Thero are many owners of quartz ledges who are quite unable to stand the expense of erecting such machinery es is necessary to deal with these ores; but if a mill were within reach, they would go un st once with minng operations, getting out ore for the crusher. We should not womier if the establishment of government
mills proves to be the beginning of much greator activity in the mining rogions, especinlly on the quartz ledges, Which ars so numerous through. out the country.

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

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

J e Bolivian barque Bunialeer, 921 tons, has 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 Railioarl.

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

Financial Motes.
The Dominioṇ Bank exhibito net earnings for the year ended 30th April at the rate of almost 17 per cent lipon 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 $12 \frac{1}{f}$ per cent. on the capital. Two half-yearly divilends of six per cent. were paid.
Duncan Melntyre, of Montreal, who, since the inception of the C.F.R. and his lucky stroke with the "Canadia Central," can yrobably command as much ready cash as any man in Canada, is creditcrl with having invested in four thousund 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, Coronto, recently, and discussed the question of their remuneration. They pointed out that the liquidators of the Exchange Bank, of Montreal, had reccived an interim allowance of $\$ 300$, and in view of this the Master decided to allow Messrs. Howlani 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 Tapper has jatro. duced in regard to the rate of interest on savings bank deposits alters the rate of interest now payable from absolutely is per cent. to a rate not execeding 4 per cent. The reductionwill not take place immediately.

The recent census givos Port Arthur a popalation of 5,000 .
Tardif \& Cadotte, manafacturera of shoce, Montreal, havedissolved.

## C. P. R. Annual Meotling.

The seventh annual meeting of the C.P.R. Company wiss hold at Montreal, recently. A balaneo sheet of the affairs of the company at 31 December last, together with the usual statements relating to the busiuess of the past year, were submitted. The gross carniugs for the year were $\$ 11,600,412.80$. The work ing expenses were $\$ \$, 102,294.04$ and the nc: earnings were $\$ 3,504,118$ 16. Deducting the fixel charges accruing duriug the year, $\$ 3,250$, 203.81 , the surplus was $\$ 233,8: 4,43$. The working expenses amounted to 09.81 per cent. of the gross carnings and the net carnings to 30.19 per cent. Tho report says: A consilerablo pa:t 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 $15,013,937$ bushels as against $10,9: 50,582$ bushels for the preceding year, an increase of nearly 50 per cent., which was entirely due to the increased productiou in the Northwest.
The company's grain elevators at Fort William, Yort Arthur, Uwen Sound and Montreal, notwithstanding their large uso 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 alditional elevators of large size are planned to be built at Fort William and a third bat 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 ueces. sity of carrying it through to the eastern provinces and to the seaboard by rail at a season when the rates must be either unremunerative or higher than the grain can hear.
The sales of lands to settlers diuring the year including lands of the Manitoba Southwestern railway were 59,993 acres at an average price of $\$ 3.39 \mathrm{t}$ per acre as against $\$ 3.23$ per acre in 1886. The following was the position of the land grant at December 31st: Original, 2j, 000,000 acres; surrendered to Government under agreement of March 30th, 1880, 6,793,014 acres; balance, 18,206,986; sale to December 31st, 1887, 3,294,511 ; less cancelled in 1887, 211,762 ; balance, $3,272,749$. Quautity of land unsold, $14,934,237$ acres.
Reference is made to the abolition of monopoly "which will stop the infurious agitation in Manituba"; to future prospects, which are considered good in view of the large quantity of last year's crop yei to be moved, and to the development of the West; te the Racific and Lake steamship lines, in which improvements in the service are provided, and to various other matters of minor importance.
Thu following directors were elected: Sir George Stephen, Bart., Montreal ; Mr. W. C. Van Horne, Montreal; Sir Donald A. Stnith, K.C.M.G., M.P., Montreal ; Mr. Richard ij. Angus, Montreal; Mr. Edmund 13. 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. Y. Martinsen, Amsterdam and

Now York: Hon. W. L. Scott, Erie, Pa.; Mr. George R. Harrison, (of Messrs. Blako Bros., \& Co.,) Boston; Hon. Levi 1. Morton nnd Mr. Richard J. Cross, lof Messrs. Morton, Bliss \& Co.,) New York; Nr. Wilmot, D. Mathews, Toronto; P Du P', Grenfoll, London.

## Trade at Yictoria, 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, ss in others, eastern compotition is changing previously established chamels as pell as causing keener competition amd consequently closer margins on profits. Supplies are going forward to the cen neries, the logging and the new mining car ps being established in various sections of the province, which has kipt 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 cullections 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 money in circulation in the comatiy.
With dry goods and dealers in fancy goods and millinery a fair amount of business has been transacted. The baekwardness of the season, however, has interfered seriously with this branch as the sales have not been so satisfactory as could be wished. With seasonable woather a decided change will take place.
In other lines the usual complaint of traile being quict is heard, yet considerable is being done, as is evidenced by the shimments to and from the city both by rail and by water.
In financial circles here, there is abundanco 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-edgo paper, however, con be discounted at 8 per cent. and in some instances even at one per cent. léss than that figure.
So far as the farmers are concerned their crops are pretty we'l 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 erections are to bo met. Several new blocks and residences are under completion. The prospect being that this year will after ull present as fair a showing in the building line as any of its predecessors. The number of vacant houses which existed a fow weeks since are being reduced rapidy, as the new comers leaso them with avidity. The hotels and boarding houses are also filling up for the scason. Upon the whole thero is no.
thing 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 10 e por barrel. It is weiioved the oponing of nurigation on the upper lakes in the enst, as well as the certainty of their heing a shortage is the primary cause for this advance.-Times.

## Lumbar Cuttiags.

Hunter \& Moore have opened their lumber yard at Crystal City, Man.
The eapital stock of the Calgary Lumber Company has been increased trom $\$ 85,000$ to \$170,000.
The Royal .City llaning Mills Co., of Westminster, has shipped 100,000 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.
Joha Stewart, lately with Jas. Conmee, as lumber foreman, has purchased Andrews \& Atkinson's portablo mill at Elm Bay, Algoma district, und will cut about $1,000,000$ feet of logs for Vigars Brus. of Port Arthur.
The Western Lumber Co. has bought the Vermilhon Bay Mills, and pronoses moving them to Rat Portage. The capacity of the mull will be about 50,000 a day. This is the newls formed company previously referred to.
The lumber firm of "Graham \& Horne, Yort Arthur, has purchosed the whole of Cominec'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 wili hande this year. Their mill on the Kamanisty ${ }^{\text {mana }}$ will not be used unless there is a good local demand for dressiug lumber there.
'Whe Brunette Sawmill Co.;"of Vestminster, B.C., have added to ther buildings a new wing, $30 x 80$, for new machinery principally, and a commodious cook-house and dimug room, $20 \times 44$. They have also built two large scows for their own business, besides a ac" pile.driver, and have constructed a shipping way, costing over. $\$ 200$, to overhaul their tugs and other crafts. Th:s firm are putting in about $\$ 1,500$ worth of new machinery, consisting of a floozing machine, a lathing machine and bolter, and a machine for sawing box lumber out of slabs. The mill is runnugg on full time and nearly all of its manufactures are required to meet the local demand.
The case of the St. Catharines Milling t Lumbering Co. will be before the linsy Council carly this summer. This is the case involving the title of Ontario to land and mincrals of the territory formerly in dispute betreen the Province and Dominion. Judg. ments in favor of the Provinec have alreally 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 l'ring Council will give judgment on the same side. Hon. O. Nowat will go to England to prosecute thas case and on other public busincss It is expected he will leave this country alxut the end of Jfay.

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## Dairy Katters.

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 87 c , and 347 boxes at 8 g c .
Operations have commenced at the Crystal City, Man., cheeso factory. The season pro mises to be a profitalle 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. Rrenton, secre-atry-treasurer. ${ }^{-}$
H. Cooper has started a cheese factory at Poplar Point, Man., where he will have the milk of about 400 cows withas a short range of country. The factory will be put in operation June lst. 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 te fowor About 500 boxes were offered and nearly all sold at 83 to 9 c . The latter figure is an extreme for pet factories. Indications point to a heavy make this season, bui the production of fodder cheese has been light.

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

Calgary Tribune: It seems that the committee a ppounted to cuquire into matters regard. ing the creamery business have allowed the matter to drop and there seems to be no hope of anything being done this year about its organizstion. This is certainly a mistake, for if it had been set on foot this year it would have doveloped into greater proportion for next year. From present prospects Calgary will again have to draw the greater part of the butter required for local demands 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 series 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 Hampden Howard gives a personal skotch 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," scone for study and careful consideration. "Repre sentative Woman's Clubs," with many illustra. tions, forms a pleasant and entertaining article by Olive Thorn Mulier. 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 North. west Mounted Yolice. 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 mis. fortune would doubtless riave attained an honorable position in the force. In his western experiences Mr. Pocock has gained the know. Iedge which has enabled him to portray some of the features of life on the great prairics with tolerable accuracy. The sketches are interest. ing and written in a pleasing strain. Thoy will certainly be received by western people, and especially by the Northwest police, with interest. The yolume is dedicated to "The Riders of the Plains," and is illustrated with western views. It is hoped tho author will receive ea. couragement in his offorts to depict some features of life int the new West.

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D. J. Doroschie, grocer, Cornwall, has assignen.

John Koable, grocer, Humberstone, has as. sigued.

Donald MoNair, carriages, Milton, has as. signed.
Matthew Westorn, "cooper, Oshawa, has assighied.
Gco. Beacock, manufacturer, Brockville, has assigned.
Geo. H. Hammoni, carriages, Almonte, has assigned.
Smead, Dowd \& Co., furnaces, Toronto, have dissolved.
G. A. Griffith, dealer in dry goods, Aurora, has assigned.
J. E. Sharp, dealer in woolens, Grecnock, has assigned.
J. S. Gibson, dealer in gents' furnishings, Tol unto, has assigned.
Dominion Hat Co., manufacturers, Hamilton, are giving up business.
Christie \& Wilkinson, dealers in dry goods, Galt, have dissolved partnership.
Evans Bios: \& Little, pianos, Ingersoll, trustee advertises busineas for sale 12 th inat. Dunn \& Leitch, general storekeepers, Muirkirk, have dissolved-Colin Leitch continues. Wm. Brown, furniture, Toronto, is advertising his business for sale by auction 22 nd inst.

Guggisberg Bros., furniture Galt, are out of business.
Taylor \& Bate, browers, st. Catharines, wero burned out.

John Hartley, :reamery, Wyoming, wa burned out.
D. F. Rochon, hotelkneper, Hawkesbury, has assigned.

John Rubertson, dealer in dry goods, Clinton, has argigned.
G. O. Tecter, g i grai storekeeper, Tecterville, is out of business.
C. (1. Betts, general storekeeper, Haldanes Hill, has assigned.
W. S. Deilor, druggist, Napanee, style now Detlor \& Fullerton.
Porter \& McLeod, dealers in hish, Southampton, have dissolved.
Robing, Butherland \& Co., uccousants, Toronto, have dissolved.
Mickus \& Weltr, tins, Elmira, suceceded by
Weltz \& Opperhanse.
J. A. Merry, dealer in hats and caps, Toronto,
called a meeting of cralitors.
A. Gregg, general storekecper, Churchill, stock sold by auction $10 t h$ inst.
P. Curran, dealer in hats and caps, Toronto, is compromising at 60 c in the S .
J. J. Jamieson, hotelkeeper, Toronto, business advertised for sale on the 14 th inst.

Albert White \& Son, mills, Orwell, have sustained a heavy loss by dams washing away. QUEBEC.
Achille Beandette, general storokeeper, Victoriaville, demand of assigument made on lim.

Roderick MuLeol, iruggist, Quebec, is dead. Wm Thomas \& Co, manufacturing furrion, havo dissolved.

Murphy \& Ellis, dealersincoal, Quebec, have dissolved.

Charlebois \& Provost, barbers, Montreal, havo dissolverl.

Hatton \& Skenls. dealers in produce, Mont. real, have dissolved.

Wm. Dodd \& Co.. grocers, Montreal, held a mecting of creditors.
Dunham \& Murray, hotelkcepers, Montreal, are offering to compromise.

- D. H\& C. H Sawyer, general storekeopers, Claranceville, have assigned.
Lonis Poulin, general storekecper, L'Ange Gardien, Rowville Co., has assigned.
Silverstone \& Schloman, manufacturers of shitts and overalls, Montreal, have dissolved.

NOVA SCOTIA.
A. E. Melanson, general storekeeper, is offering to compromise.

John McDonald, general storekeeper, Mabou, was succeeded by Alexander McDonald.

NEV 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 \& J.ester Bros., jewelers, St. Jobn's have, dissolved.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.
M. A. McNeil, general storekeeper, Conway, is out of business.

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#### Abstract

The Par Trade. A Montreal exchange says: What silver fox is worth is a quastion that has more than once been subnited to us, and wo aro once more reminded of it by the fact that within the last days a shin has been offered in the city whirh 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 scalo or standard. The skins are entirely fancy articles, each person judging them accorling 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 17 c was being paid for best selections; in other lines there was not much doing outside a little in beaver and mink. Quotations for prune kms were. Beaver, $\$ 3.30$ to $\$ 4.00$; bear, $\$ 10.00$ to $\$ 12.00$; cub ditto, $\$ 400$ to $\$ 5.00$; fisher, $\$$ red fox, $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 125$; cross ditto, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 3.00$; lynx, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2.50$; marten, 60 to 6.5 c ; mink, 50 to 60 c ; fall muskrat, Sc.; winter muskrat, 12c.; spring, 17c.; raccoon, 2;,30 and 75 c .; skunk, 25,50 and 75 c. ; otter, S to $\$ 10$.

## Pacts-Not Pancies.

Occasionally a wholesale dealer is found who, never laving investigated the matter, is of the opinion that an advertisement in a trade paper with a circulation of ouly a few thourand copies does not reach as many retailers us 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 ab. surdity 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. 'laking 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 . 'lhe retailer whose object is to reach all classes and conditions of socicty will, of course, fund the daily press the most profitable medium ; but the wholesaler who sechs the retailers attention alone, will undoubtedly find that trade papers will bring him mauy 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 :cads his trade paper, advertisements and all from alpha to umega. Leather Gazelte.

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