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WINNIPEG, APRIL 8, 1889.

OGBURN & Co., have taken the Palace Hotel at Calgary.

JOSEPH REILLY, grain dealer, Carberry, has removed to Cypress River.

J. M. HALL, general storekeeper, Rapid City, advertises his business for sale.

J. PHILBIN's bakery, Rat Portage, was very slightly damaged by fire recently.

W. B. LARKIN, boot and shoe dealer; Oak Lake, has removed to Winnipeg.

J. E. GEMMEL, physician and druggist, Virden, contemplates admitting a partner.

B. PIERCE, painter, Portage la Prairie, has admitted one Ferguson into partnership.

ANGUS MCKENZIE, hotel keeper, Carberry, has leased his premises to S. Hungerford.

W. J. WEBB, butcher, Carberry, has admitted his brother Edmund into partnership.

H. J. WOODSIDE, jeweller, Portage la Prairie, Man., is now editorial manager of the Portage Liberal.

A. GEMMEL, general storekeeper, Virden, is giving up business and is advertising his stock for sale.

MITCHELL & AXFORD, general storekeepers, Glenboro, have dissolved partnership, Mitchell retiring.

V. STRAUDE, hardware, etc., Portage la Prairie, contemplates opening a branch at Treherne.

THOS. SPENCE, second hand dealer, Brandon, is giving up business and removing to British Columbia.

SCHNIEDER, blacksmith, of Morden, has decided on building a foundry.

ARMSTRONG & McNAUGHTON, livery, Calgary, have dissolved partnership, A. J. McNaughton will continue.

HOTEL licenses at Portage la Prairie, Man., have been raised from \$100 to \$150, and shop from \$100 to \$200.

TRELEAVEN & Co., auctioneers, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership. W. H. Treleaven is now alone.

S. HARTFORD, general merchant, Bridge Creek, Man., has moved to Neepawa, where he has located at the station.

A BY-LAW has been carried at Regina, Assa., providing for the raising of \$12,000 by debentures, for school purposes.

THE Manitoba Milling and Brewing Co., Carberry, are disposing of their brewery business at Portage la Prairie.

J. M. SIMINGTON has leased his bakery business at Moose Jaw, Assa., to Riddell & Ferguson, and will go on his farm.

HUTCHINGS & BEMROSE, harness shop, Neepawa, Man., have purchased the stock of F. T. Venables in the same line and at the same place.

G. S. DAVIDSON, of the Queen's hotel, Qu'Appelle Station, is retiring from the hotel business in favor of farming. He has leased his hotel to Harry McIntosh, of Winnipeg.

DAWSON, BOLE & Co., druggists, Regina, Assa., have bought out the drug and stationery business of Dr. E. H. Scott, Moose Jaw. Dr. Scott, it is understood, has bought the branch drug business of Dawson, Bole & Co., at Moosomin.

THE snow and rain which fell in Manitoba on Monday last, would be very welcome, as it would put out the prairie fires which were becoming very numerous. But a short delay would be caused to seeding, as the snow quickly disappeared.

A CORRESPONDENT at Moosomin, Assa., writes:—J. Slater & Co., furniture dealers, are retiring from business. H. J. Ruffles is preparing to open the third drug store in Moosomin. J. E. Rowe, photographer and restaurant keeper, is closing out both lines here, and will remove to Portage la Prairie.

THE *Dominion Illustrated*, published by G. E. Desbarats & Son, Montreal, is proving a credit to Canadian illustrated journalism. Each number is kept fully up to the standard in the number and excellence of the engravings. The last numbers contained excellent portraits of the late Hon. Thos. White, Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Hon. Oliver Mowat, together with many other finely executed portraits and general illustrations.

THOS. BROWN, of O'Connor & Brown, proprietors of the Queen's Hotel, Winnipeg, died on Sunday of last week. Mr. Brown was well known in Winnipeg, and to the commercial community throughout Western Canada, he having been connected with the Queen's for the past ten years. Inflammatory rheumatism, followed by congestion of the lungs, caused his death. He was insured in the Equitable Life for \$10,000.

ELLIOTT & TRUMBELL, hotel keepers, Virden, have dissolved partnership. W. Elliott continues alone.

JAMES D. ALLAN, of A. A. Allan & Co., wholesale hats, furs, straw goods, etc., Toronto, was in Winnipeg last week.

THERE is a prospect, says the Portage la Prairie Review, of the paper mill being put in operation again. Smith Curtiss is the moving spirit in the enterprise.

GREEN & SONS Company, of Montreal, are again the field already for the coming fall and winter trade of Manitoba and Western Canada generally. Their specialties are fur hats and caps, and gloves, mooccasins, robes, etc., and ladies' fur goods. In the latter line the house have several patented designs of their own.

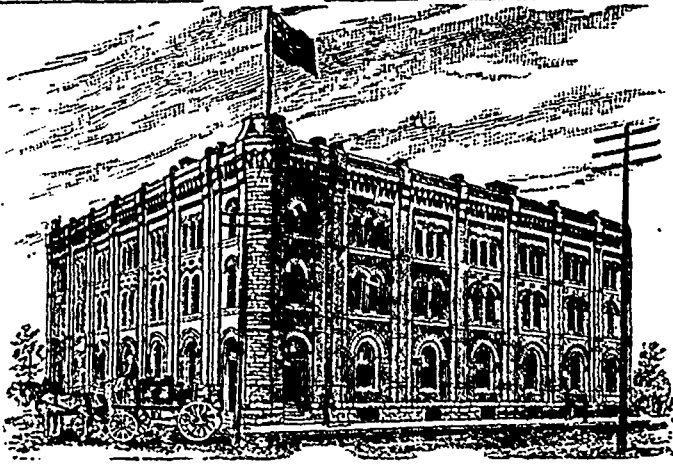
THE first anniversary of the opening of the Clarendon hotel, Winnipeg, under the management of Mr. Bennett, was celebrated one evening last week by the landlord and guests of the house. The Clarendon has proved a success since the house was regularly opened, notwithstanding the belief that it was too big an enterprise to be properly conducted in Winnipeg.

VICTORIA, B. C., papers feel inclined to boast over the number of telephones used in that city, in proportion to population. The number of telephones in use is supposed to indicate business push, etc. The Victoria Times feels somewhat gratified because Victoria has 308 telephones, while Tacoma, Washington Territory, a city of about the same size, has but 281 phones. Winnipeg can double-discount both these places, for with a population not greatly in excess of the Pacific coast cities named, we have 650 telephones in use.

IN the editorial columns of this issue of THE COMMERCIAL will be found an article dealing with the imports of cured hog products into Western Canada, based upon figures prepared by Carveth & Co., wholesale pork packers and provision merchants, of Winnipeg. If our provincial exchanges, which circulate largely among the farmers, would copy this article, or prepare something similar upon the subject, it might be the means of turning the attention of our farmers more to hog-raising. This is an industry which should be, and could be prosecuted here more extensively, to the profit of our farmers and the general advantage of the country.

O. DONOHUE & COCHRANE, agricultural implement dealers, Winnipeg, are adding a new line to their business, which they intend making a special feature of their trade in the future. They have imported a large number of carriages from the East, in what is known as "the white." The rigs come in separate pieces, such as gears, bodies, wheels, shafts, etc., and are unpainted. They will be fitted and set up and painted here. The advantage from importing in this way is, that the rigs can be packed more closely, and when painted and finished here, they escape the damage from rubbing while in transit, which is a source of much annoyance in importing finished rigs. A purchaser can also inspect the various parts of a rig before it is set up, when he can form a better opinion of the quality of the goods than after they are finished. Each piece is stamped A, B, C, D, etc., according to quality.

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British Columbia.

Wm. Marshall, of the Gorge hotel, Victoria, is dead.

A new bakery has been opened at Westminster by J. Ferguson.

Mrs. Miller, of Vancouver, has leased the Queen's hotel, Westminster.

Stewart & Cash will open a hotel at Westminster, to be known as the Central.

S. E. King, baker, Victoria, burned out, will build at once and continue the business.

Phil. Rollins, Eureka hotel, Dungeness, was burned out. Loss, \$4,000; insurance, \$2,500.

They are revelling in mosquitos on the Pacific coast. The *Columbian* says they have appeared by the billion.

H. Collins, general merchant, late of Calgary, is opening a dry goods store at Vancouver, near the Hotel Vancouver.

Johnston, Kerfoot & Co., lately established at Vancouver, in clothing, hats, caps, furnishings, etc., have added a tailoring department.

Clarke & Nicholson, tanners, Victoria, have dissolved; J. H. Nicholson retiring and Ed. Pearson taken in under style of Clarke & Pearson.

R. E. Green, employment, real estate agent etc., Vancouver, has formed a partnership with H. E. Matthews, from San Francisco, and will continue business under the style of Green & Matthews.

During the month of February, there was exported from San Francisco to British Columbia 355,612 lbs. of sugar, valued at \$20,652; 12,078 lbs. of coffee, valued at \$2,147; 1,467 lbs. of tea, valued at \$317; and 1,000 lbs. of rice, valued at \$50.

MacArthur, Stevenson & MacIver, successors to W. R. Megaw, general merchant, Kamloops, took possession of the business on April 1st. They are putting in a large new stock, and have added a millinery and dressmaking department to the business.

Vancouver *World*:—On the street it is reported that the real estate transactions of several of our most prominent brokers for

March, will range from \$50,000 to \$150,000. For the same month last year they were not more than one-half this sum.

The B. C. Legislature is taking up the question of the bridge across the Fraser river, being built by the C. P. R. Co., at Mission Station. The Legislature will protest against the construction of the bridge with a draw as narrow as that proposed.

The act granting a land subsidy to the proposed Columbia and Kootenay railway, provides for a grant of not more than 200,000 acres. The right of way of the railway is to be exempt from taxation for five years from the passing of the act, and all property of the company is free from provincial taxation for a period of two years after the completion of the road.

The Texada Mining Co., the owners of the "Golden Slipper" and other claims on Texada Island, have bonded the properties to a syndicate of gentlemen who are represented by Mr. Ceperly, of Vancouver. The bonding price is in the neighborhood of \$75,000. It is understood that the bonding parties will immediately commence the work of development, and it may be reasonably expected that the true value of Texada quartz will be demonstrated before the close of the year.

In the report of the Provincial Minister of Mines the following statistics are given of the coal output:—The output of coal for the year ending 31st December, 1888, amounted to 489,309 tons, as follows:

| | Tons. |
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| Nanaimo colliery output..... | 258,817 |
| Wellington " "..... | 198,392 |
| East Wellington colliery output..... | 30,092 |
| Union " "..... | 2,000 |

Total output in the year 1888.....482,309
 The coal exported in 1888 amounted to 365,714 tons. Total hands employed in collieries, 8,012.

McLENNAN & NELSON, general merchants, Treherne, Man., are dissolving partnership. They will offer their stock for sale, en bloc, on April 12th, amounting to about \$12,000.

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JAMES PYE, Esq., Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.:
 DEAR SIR,—In handing you our check for \$1,801.24, in full for balance of your contract for building and enlarging our mill, we without solicitation wish to state, that you have done your work in a manner highly satisfactory to this company. The capacity which you guaranteed at 275 barrels we find considerably under the mark, as we are at present making over 300 barrels, and the quality of the flour is all that we could wish for. Some of our largest purchasers frankly tell us, it is equal to any flour made in either Minnesota or this province. The yield also we find very satisfactory. We must also bear testimony to your pleasing and gentlemanly manner, and your willingness at all times to meet our wishes. This has made our business relations pleasant and we can honestly say, that we recommend you to any person, requiring anything in the mill building or mill furnishing line. Wishing you the success that straight dealing merits, we are
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A BOARD of trade has been organized at Rat Portage, to be known as the Board of Trade of Rainy River. The first election of officers resulted as follows:—Richard Hall, president; Charles Chadwick, vice-president; J. A. McCrossan, secretary; Jacob Hoso, treasurer; and council composed of Messrs. Matheson, Newell, Mather, Monk and Ross. The board starts out with a membership of 54.

OVER 70 persons were present at the last meeting of the Winnipeg Grocers' Association, which shows that the organization is being liberally supported. A discussion as to closing at eight o'clock, was adjourned until the next meeting, which will be held in the board of trade rooms. The association is following up the movement of endeavoring to restrict wholesale dealers from selling to others than persons regularly in the trade. A committee was appointed to wait on wholesale fruit dealers, commission dealers, pork-packers, etc., with the object of restricting the sale of goods by such dealers, to parties out of the regular retail trade.

The value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, during the month of March, 1889, and compared with the same month of 1888, at the port of Winnipeg, is as below:—

| | Value 1888. | Value 1889. |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Goods exported..... | \$32,424 00 | \$37,771 00 |
| Goods imported, dutiable..... | 115,488 00 | 140,615 00 |
| Goods imported, free.. | 15,004 00 | 12,973 00 |

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| Total imported..... | \$130,492 00 | \$153,588 00 |
| Entered for consumption, dutiable..... | \$117,998 00 | \$141,564 00 |
| Entered for consumption, free..... | 15,004 00 | 12,973 00 |

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| Total entered for consumption..... | \$132,702 00 | \$154,567 00 |
| Duty collected..... | \$36,641 61 | \$44,515 54 |
| Inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for March, 1889, are as follows:— | | |
| Tobacco..... | \$ 7,328 40 | |
| Cigars..... | 360 60 | |
| Spirits..... | 10,935 32 | |
| Malt..... | 1,226 49 | |
| Petroleum inspection..... | 65 40 | |
| Fines..... | 200 00 | |

Total.....\$20,122 21

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NEGLECTING A PROFITABLE INDUSTRY.

A large quantity of cured hog product is annually imported into Manitoba and the Territories, which should be grown and manufactured at home. This consists of hams, bacon, pork and lard, and the imports come from the United States and from the eastern provinces of Canada. Messrs. Carveth & Co., pork packers and wholesale provision merchants, of Winnipeg, have been giving this subject a great deal of attention of late. They have carefully investigated the matter and at great pains have prepared as accurate statistics as it is possible to procure, as to the quantity of cured hog products imported into this country. They have obtained reliable figures showing direct imports into Manitoba and the Territories of over \$675,000 worth of cured hog products for the past year. Of this amount \$333,775 worth came from the United States, and \$341,260 from Eastern Canada, or a total of \$675,035.

The imports from the United States would be principally from Chicago, and the figures are accurate, as they are obtained from the Customs department. Of the imports from the United States, \$294,172 were entered at Winnipeg, and \$39,603 at outside ports of entry. The figures of imports from Eastern Canada are not so accurate, as there is no official way of arriving at such statistics. The figures were arrived at by procuring the individual imports from Eastern Canada, of the leading houses here handling provisions, and the quantity brought in by the Government for Indian supplies. In this way imports amounting to \$341,260 were learned of. But it will be seen that these figures are not complete. A very considerable quantity of provisions would be brought in in small lots or with other goods by retail houses all over the country, and by immigrants coming into the country. An addition of \$50,000 to the amount of provisions of this kind brought in from Eastern Canada by the smaller dealers from whom figures were not obtained, would be a very low allowance. This would give us imports from the east of \$391,260, which is probably very considerably within the mark. Furthermore, these figures do not take into account the quantity of hog products im-

ported into the territory between Lake Superior and Manitoba, nor the amount imported into the province of British Columbia. In British Columbia a large quantity of cured meats are used in proportion to the population, in the mining districts of the province, and the meats are mostly imported from the United States and the East. Manitoba should supply this trade in addition to her home demand. Imports of cured hog products into British Columbia would probably amount to at least one-half the amount of imports into Manitoba and the Territories, as there is very little home packing done in that province. Placing imports into British Columbia at \$375,000, we would have a grand total of fully \$1,100,000 worth of cured hog products imported into Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia. The value of imports is based on wholesale prices in car lots at the packing houses, and is therefore a great deal less than the real value here. The freight on imports would have to be added, and also the duties on the portion coming from the United States. The cost to the consumer here would also be increased by the profits of the wholesale and retail dealers. Dry salt bacon for instance, which is now worth about 6½ cents per pound in Chicago, close cash price in large quantities, costs the consumer in Winnipeg from 12½ to 13 cents per pound. It will therefore be evident that the imports of cured hog products into Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, represent a sum equal to at least \$2,000,000 cost to consumers here, this amount being made up of original cost at packing houses, freight, duties, dealers' profits, etc. This is certainly a large sum of money to be spent for an imported product, all of which should be produced by the farmers of Manitoba and the adjoining territory.

From the figures given it will be seen that there is a large home market to be supplied with hog products. The home producer would have the advantage over the importer of freight rates and duties which form an important item, the latter alone amounting to 20 per cent. on the wholesale cost. There is every reason to believe that with these advantages, hog-raising would prove a most profitable industry to our farmers. Prices have ruled high here for years back. Summer prices for live hogs at Winnipeg, in large quantities, have averaged about 6½ to 6½ cents

per pound, for the past two years, and dressed hogs in the winter season, for the same time have averaged fully 8½ cents per pound in wholesale quantities, while as high as 10 cents has been paid. At these prices there should be great money in raising hogs. If the supply of hogs were large enough, a sufficient quantity of provisions could be cured in Winnipeg to supply the entire country from here to the coast. Five houses have been packing in a small way during the past winter, the supply not being sufficient to enlarge operations to any extent. A number of houses which have started during the past four years in the city, have been obliged to go out of the business, owing to the scarcity of hogs. An attempt has been made to import hogs in the winter and cure the product here, but this plan has not proved satisfactory. With a plentiful supply of hogs, packing houses would also be started in other parts of the province. The money which now goes for imported provisions, and to pay freight and duties on such imports, should go into the pockets of our farmers, and important local industries would be established by the curing of our provisions at home.

There can be no question as to the profit to the farmer from raising hogs in this country. The country is well adapted to the industry, both in point of climate and cereal products. In fact a little investigation would appear to indicate that hog-raising is one of the most profitable branches which our farmers could engage in. A writer in an Ontario farm journal recently stated that raising hogs was the most profitable branch Ontario farmers could follow, and if this is the case in Ontario, it would be equally true of Manitoba, considering the higher prices ruling here for alive and dressed hogs. The return is very rapid, a well fed porker will at six months weigh 150 pounds alive weight, which at 6 cents per pound would bring the farmer \$9. A family of pigs will number from six to ten, or an average return of say \$70 from one litter, in six months. What more rapid and profitable investment could a farmer make?

It is claimed by some, that because we do not grow corn in Manitoba, the country is not adapted to hogs. This is a great mistake. Those who have investigated the matter, claim that barley makes as good if not better feed than corn, and can be grown as cheaply. Now almost every

farmer in this country can grow a few acres of barley without curtailing his other crops. After he has his wheat and oats in the ground, he can sow barley with an average prospect of a good crop, when it is too late in the season to sow other grains. Thus his barley crop need not interfere to curtail his wheat acreage, and in case of a failure of his wheat, he will have something to fall back upon. More diversified farming is badly needed in this country instead of sticking too closely to wheat growing, and here is evidently a very profitable way to diversify the branches followed on the farm.

Some of our farmers have been discouraged from raising hogs, on account of losses among the animals. These losses have been attributed by authorities on the subject, to excessive feeding of grain. After feeding on a light and sparse diet perhaps, through the summer, the animals are penned up and at once put upon a plentiful diet of grain, with a view to forcing their weight. This unnatural treatment has in some instances developed a disease, which a little care and common sense would have avoided. With proper treatment, authorities tell us there is no reason to be afraid of excessive mortality among the hogs. Rich grain should be fed carefully, especially when the animals have been on a light diet, and are sure to gorge themselves to excess. In cases where roots, such as potatoes and turnips have been fed freely to hogs, together with grain, no bad results have been experienced.

Up to the year 1886 there was a rapid increase in the number of hogs raised in Manitoba. In the summer of 1886 a large number of hogs were marketed, and about 5,000 animals were shipped from here to Eastern Canada. Prices that year were very low, and this had a good deal to do in discouraging our farmers from raising hogs. A good many went out of the business entirely. That is where they made the mistake. At the same time that these hogs were being sent out of Manitoba, cured provisions were being imported into the province, owing to the fact that we had not the facilities here for curing the meats. As soon as it became apparent that the supply of hogs was increasing, plenty of capital was found ready to go into the packing business, and a number of such industries were established. But just about the time that these packing houses were being established,

the supply of hogs commenced to fall off. The consequence was the packing houses had only been established a short time, when they were obliged to close down. Of six houses established in Winnipeg or in operation in 1886, only two are now in existence. The sudden influx of a large number of hogs upon the market, before the packing industry was fairly established here, of course brought down prices to very low figures. But if, instead of becoming discouraged and going out of the business, the farmers had continued to follow up hog-raising, and had kept up the supply of animals, the establishment of packing houses would soon have increased the demand in proportion to the supply, and brought up prices to good figures. At present the packing facilities in Winnipeg alone, for both summer and winter curing, are very largely in excess of the entire supply of all the hogs obtainable in the country. Farmers need not now fear low prices for hogs, even should the supply be suddenly increased. There is no probability of the supply exceeding the home demand for years to come, and prices are therefore likely to rule higher here than in outside packing markets, for years. As already stated, the low prices in the summer of 1886 were due to a sudden increase in the supply of hogs, before packing houses were established to any extent. Now it is quite different, as these facilities for handling the animals now exist.

OUR BUTTER TRADE.

The time is nearly at hand when another season's butter trade will commence, and a few words may be appropriate. Manitoba's butter trade so far cannot be said to have proved very successful to those interested in the handling of this product. Wholesale produce dealers are frequently heard to declare that they are sick of the whole business of handling butter, and it is also certain that country merchants, who purchase the commodity from the farmer, have also frequently found their transactions in butter to result rather unsatisfactory. Retail merchants in provincial towns and at country points in Manitoba, have very largely followed the custom of paying their farmer customers more for their butter than the commodity would bring wholesale in this market. In fact, abnormally high prices paid to farmers for butter, has been the

rule. Under these circumstances it is no wonder that the butter business has not been satisfactory to retail country merchants. The dealer who has paid too much for his butter, is sometimes led to hold, in the hope of getting a better price for his stock, as it is quite natural that he should wish to clear himself in the transaction. But in this new country, very few country dealers have proper accommodation for butter, and by holding, the quality of the article is usually so deteriorated, that it is very materially reduced in value. Another difficulty has been that practically no discrimination has been exercised in buying butter from farmers. Anything called butter has been taken at a uniform price, regardless of quality, hence no incentive has been given farmers to exercise care in producing only a fine quality of butter. Growing out of this system of indiscriminate purchase, and the lack of proper accommodation for butter, a very large percentage of the commodity reaching this market is of decidedly inferior quality. The poor quality of the goods in turn makes the business very unsatisfactory to the wholesale produce dealers. It frequently happens that stocks of butter are purchased by or forwarded to produce dealers on the assurance that the stuff is of good quality but when it arrives here the bulk of the shipment will be found to be of decidedly inferior quality.

To retail dealers throughout the country we would say: In the first place, do not pay too much for the butter you handle during the coming season. Give the farmers a fair price, but try and have a little margin for yourselves. Try also and discriminate in quality. This is the most important point. Encourage farmers to put up their butter neatly and in clean, even sized packages. Butter put up in pails and old tubs should not be taken at all. Another important point is, to have good storage for your butter, where it will not become contaminated and tainted with other substances, and ship to market early. Butter begins to deteriorate in quality from the day it is packed, and the earlier marketed the better. By exercising a little care in this way, the average quality of our butter could be greatly improved. It is more necessary than ever that our butter should be of good quality, as the local markets are becoming more largely supplied, and a greater quantity will have to be exported out of the province.

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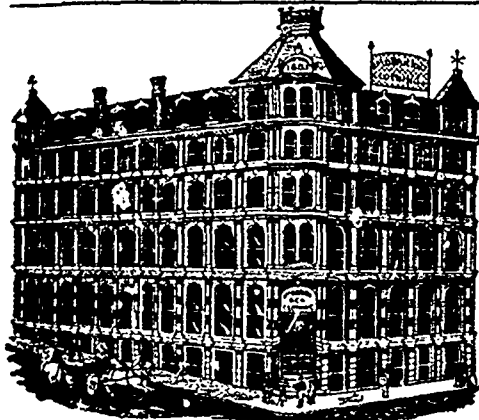
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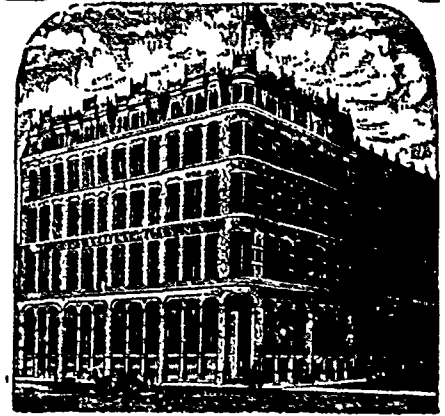
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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The situation in financial circles does not seem to materially improve in any important direction. Wholesale dealers as a general rule report collections both in the city and country as very slow, and the immediate outlook is not considered favorable for any marked improvement. Indeed some are already beginning to look forward to the advent of the next crop in to the market, before any general change can be experienced. This of course is a long way in the future. In the city, however, the return of the season when out-door work of all kinds, can go on, should improve matters considerably in a short time. Real estate mortgage loan business is fairly active. Farm properties are changing hands freely, sales being more frequent probably than at any time since 1882.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The weather has, on the whole, been favorable to a free movement in spring goods, and fair activity has been experienced in several branches. Those noted last week as active, have continued to enjoy a fairly busy season. Lumber and building lines continue very satisfactory in the demand. Hardware, paints, etc., are in good request. The green-fruit trade has been fairly good. Groceries, provisions, etc., are in improved demand. The large immigration is probably beginning to tell on the lines last mentioned, as well as in the demand for building supplies.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Business in textile branches, for the time, continues quiet. Dealers are only through with shipping out spring stock to their customers, and they are not looking for much new business yet. Eastern advices continue to report firm prices in nearly all textile goods.

DRUGS.

Business continues steady in this branch. Prices are: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 55 to 60c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 30 to 35c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 8 to 10c.

FRUITS—GREEN.

The market has been fairly well supplied with apples. Florida oranges are now about out. Prices of oranges were easier, but lemons were quoted higher in some instances. Some small lots of greenstuffs and berries have arrived, but not in sufficient quantities to remain in the market any length of time. Prices are: Good to choice apples, in good condition, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel. Messina lemons are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box. Florida oranges, \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box. Messina oranges, \$4.00 to \$5.00 per box. California fancy Riverside seedless oranges, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$6.00 per box. Bananas, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per bunch. Malaga grapes, in 50 to

65 pound kegs are quoted at \$6 to \$10 as to size of keg. Cranberries are quoted \$3 to \$10 per barrel for sound fresh fruit. Southern red onions, \$1.25 per crate of 50 pounds Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds. Cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon. New maple sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 lb. cakes, 15c per lb. Maple syrup, \$1.25 per gallon.

FRUITS—DRIED.

Prices show little change as follows:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valencias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, $\frac{1}{2}$ boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. Currants 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; evaporated apples, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; peeled peaches, 22 to 23c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c. Flome figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; cooking figs, 7c per lb; Fancy Tunis dates on stem, 20c per pound; fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18 to 20c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 18 to 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Cocanuts, \$10 per 100.

FISH.

Trade rather quiet. Cured fish are quoted: Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8c per lb; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb; Labrador herrings, No. 1, \$9.50 per barrel; No. 2, \$3.50; No. 1, \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; St. John bloaters, \$1.40.

RAW FURS.

The Hudson's Bay Co.'s March sales came off in London on March 25, 26, 27 and 28. There were advances on every class of furs, except wolverine, in comparison with March sales in 1888. C. M. Lampson & Co. had sales on March 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, and these sales were being continued last week, concluding on April 8. Following are the results of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sales, and Lampson's sales as far as returns have been received from the latter:

Hudson Bay's Co.'s sale.—Otter, 25 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; fisher, 70 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; cross fox, 50 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; silver fox, 50 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; white fox, 50 per cent. higher than in March 1888; red fox, 25 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; lynx, 100 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; skunk, 20 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; wolf, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. higher than in March, 1888; wolverine, 10 per cent. lower than in March, 1888; marten, 50 per cent. higher than March, 1888; mink, 125 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; beaver same as in January, 1880; musquash, 10 per cent. higher than in January, 1889; bear, 50 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; bear, brown, 10 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; grizzly bear, 15 per cent. higher than in March, 1888.

C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale.—Cross fox, 60 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; Russian sable, 50 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; Russian sable, Ondskoi, 90 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; Russian sable, Jakutsky, 90 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; silver fox, 35 per cent. higher than in March, 1888;

blue fox, 5 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; fisher, 55 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; otter, 25 per cent. higher than in March, 1888; marten, pale, 10 per cent. higher than in January, 1889; marten, dark, somewhat easier than in January, 1889.

The following are the prices obtained at the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale a year ago, in March, 1888, which it will be interesting to compare with the advances in prices this year:

Lynx, Yorkfort firsts, large, 20s. 9d.; middling, 12s. 3d.; seconds, large, 10s. 3d.; middling, 7s.; thirds, 4s. 3d.

Otter, Yorkfort firsts, 40 to 57s.; seconds, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s. 6d. to 37s. 9d.; thirds, 10s. 6d. to 22s.

Marten, Yorkfort firsts, 8s. to 12s. 9d.; pale, 8s. 3d.; thirds, 6s.

Mink, Yorkfort firsts, 4s.; seconds, 2s. 9d.; Moose River firsts, 4s.; Canada firsts, 3s. 9d.; Esquimaux Pay firsts, 6s. 8d.

Fisher, Yorkfort firsts, 30s.; pale, 18s. to 19s.; seconds, 19s. 6d.; Moose River firsts, 30s.; pale, 19s.; seconds, 23s.; Canada firsts, 32s. to 35s.; seconds, 21s.

White fox, Yorkfort firsts, 19s. 6d.; seconds, 13s.; thirds, 6s. 9s.

Cross fox, Yorkfort firsts, 73s.; seconds, as to color, 42s.; pales, 25s., and thirds, 20s.

Red fox, Yorkfort best colors, 10s. 3d.; Moose River best colors, 15s. 9d.; Canada, 12s. 3d.

Bear, Yorkfort 1 army, 105.; seconds, 142s.; Moose River, 215s.; and Northwest, 215s.

Wolf, Yorkfort firsts, large, 22s. 6d.; small, 6s. 4d.

Wolverine, Yorkfort firsts, open, 27s.; cased, 20s.; seconds, open, 18s. 9d.; cased, 9s. 6d.

Northwest firsts, open, 29s.; cased, 16s.; seconds, open, 15s.; cased, 7s. 6d.

GROCERIES.

Sugars were again advanced at the refineries last week $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ c, due to the strong situation and higher prices for raw sugars. Further advances were considered probable. A decrease of about 33 per cent. in the crop of Cuba is reported. Granulated sugar is now nearly 1c higher than a year ago. Canned corn was advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c last week by packers. Quotations here are: Sugars, yellows, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; granulated 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; lumps 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 25 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$3.50 to \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.00 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 25 to 40 per cent, according to size, off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Quotations are: Turpentine, \$1.09 in five-gallon cans, or 95c in barrels; harness oil \$1; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 69c per gallon; boiled 70c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union solid, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oils, Roceno, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; pure white lead, \$7.50; genuine do. \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.15. Alabastine, \$3 per case of 20 pkgs.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

The principal interest in wheat is now centered in seeding. Operations were delayed during the early part of last week, by a heavy rain, followed by a light fall of snow, which extended generally all over the Province and into the Territories some distance. The snow, however, quickly disappeared, and the balance of the week was favorable to seeding, though rather windy on some days. The rain and snow would put out the prairie fires, which were becoming numerous, and in this respect would serve a very useful purpose. Seeding operations on the whole have progressed very favorably, and in some districts quite a large part of the wheat is now in the ground. Some individual farmers have as high as 200 acres sown. As yet there has been little growth, the nights being mostly frosty. Another week of favorable weather will see the bulk of the wheat in the ground. The markets have been quiet, and practically nothing doing, with prices nominal at 90 to 95c to farmers in most provincial markets, for best samples.

FLOUR.

Prices have shown no further change since our last report, and hold as follows:— Patents, \$3.00; strong bakers, \$2.80; snowflake, \$2.70; XXXX, \$2.50; second bakers, \$2.55 to \$2.65; superfine, \$1.65; middlings, \$3.00; Graham flour, \$2.80.

MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold unchanged at \$10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts, with \$1 per ton advance asked for small lots.

OATS.

Very few offering in loads. Prices are somewhat easier and quoted at 39 to 32c, the latter for good milling.

CHEESE.

Moving slowly and usually held at 10½c.

BUTTER.

The butter market continues very quiet both in point of receipts and demand. Receipts are decidedly light, and it is thought that very little butter is held at country points. A very small quantity of new fodder butter has arrived in the market so far this spring. Stocks of good butter in the city are not large. Prices hold about 20c for the best average qualities obtainable.

EGGS.

As foreshadowed in our last report, eggs started lower last week, and during the week ruled at from 12½ to 13c per dozen in case lots. Some large lots were purchased at 12c. Country merchants will lose a good deal by the early

decline in prices, as they have paid as high as 15c per dozen for eggs which will net them only about 11c. Receipts were large last week, and with large stocks, the easier demand is not likely to bring any advance in prices. Importations from the south have of course now ceased, though these importations helped to bring down prices.

LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago at \$2.35.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are fairly firm and quoted as follows: Mess pork, \$19 per brl; long clear dry salt bacon, 10½c per lb; smoked breakfast bacon, 13¼ to 14c; rolls, 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

Good fresh beef is held at about 6 to 6½c, as to quality. Hogs are not offering, and nominal at 7 to 7½c. Mutton 9 to 10c; Veal 8 to 10c.

POULTRY.

Fresh, dressed poultry bring good prices, chickens being worth 75c to \$1 per pair.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are plentiful and readily obtained by the load at 25 to 30c. Other prices are: Onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50; carrots, 60c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, \$1.20; beets, 50 to 60c, all per bushel. Cabbage average \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen for good.

Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of March 21, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

| | Price. | Rise. | Fall |
|--|--------|-------|------|
| Canada 2½ per cents..... | 105 | — | — |
| Ditto 4 per cents., 1860 | 111 | — | — |
| Ditto 2 per cents..... | 94 | — | — |
| British Columbia 4½ per cents. | — | — | — |
| Manitoba 5 per cents | — | — | — |
| Quebec 5 per cents., 1874 and 1876.... | — | — | — |
| Ditto 4½ per cents..... | — | — | — |
| Ditto 5 per cents., 1883 | — | — | — |
| Ditto 4 per cents..... | 104 | — | — |
| Montreal 3 per cents., | — | — | — |
| Toronto 4 per cents..... | — | — | — |
| Winnipeg 5 per cents..... | — | — | — |
| Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register) 49½ | — | 1½ | — |
| Ditto shares (London register) | 48½ | — | 1½ |
| Ditto first mortgage bonds..... | 105½ | — | ½ |
| Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds | — | — | — |
| Grand Trunk ordinary stock | 11½ | ½ | — |
| Ditto first preference | 73½ | 1 | — |
| Manitoba and Northwestern bond | 108 | — | — |
| Manitoba Southwestern bonds..... | — | — | — |
| Bank of British Columbia..... | 36 | — | — |
| do of B. N. A..... | 77½ | — | — |
| Bank and Loan of Canada, £5 paid... .. | — | — | — |
| Ditto £3 paid | — | — | — |
| Manitoba Mortgage | — | — | — |
| British American Land | — | — | — |
| Canada North-West Land..... | 3½ | — | — |
| Hudson's Bay | 20½ | ½ | — |
| Land Corporation of Canada | — | — | — |
| Vancouver Coal..... | — | — | — |

Montreal Stock Market.

The following quotations on April 3, as compared with prices on March 22, will indicate the course of the stock market:

| | March 22. | | April 3. | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|----------|------|
| | Offered. | Bid. | Offered. | Bid. |
| Montreal..... | 229 | 228½ | 230½ | 230½ |
| Ontario..... | 133 | 129 | 135 | 132 |
| Toronto..... | — | 215 | 220 | 215 |
| Merchants..... | 139 | 133 | 139½ | 135½ |
| Commerce..... | 129 | 119 | 120½ | 119½ |
| Molson's..... | 165 | 157½ | 162 | 159 |
| Union..... | 100 | 93 | — | — |
| N. W. Land Co..... | 71 | 69½ | — | — |
| C. P. R..... | 49½ | 49½ | 50½ | 49½ |

Wheat Statistics.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The following shows the stocks in bushels, of wheat at the principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains; also, in transit by lake and rail, on the dates named, according to the Chicago statement:—

| | 1880 | 1889. | 1887. |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| February 16..... | 33,435,081 | 39,565,037 | 59,880,370 |
| February 23 | 32,739,834 | 33,402,924 | 57,027,368 |
| March 2 | 32,000,075 | 37,510,274 | 55,781,594 |
| March 9 | 31,769,335 | 38,000,966 | 54,926,178 |
| March 16 | 31,152,430 | 38,253,024 | 53,172,927 |
| March 23 | 30,260,421 | 35,441,742 | 52,411,947 |
| March 30..... | 29,439,756 | 34,237,586 | 51,580,214 |

Decrease for the week ended March 30, 826,665 bushels.

WHEAT IN STORE.

The following shows the wheat in store, in bushels, at the points mentioned, on March 30:—

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Chicago..... | 4,069,700 |
| Minneapolis | 6,139,816 |
| Duluth..... | 2,014,600 |
| Montreal..... | 425,698 |
| Toronto..... | 119,600 |

WHEAT AT PRIMARY MARKETS.

The following table shows the receipts of spring wheat at the markets mentioned from June 30, 1888, to March 30, 1889, compared with two previous years:—

| POINTS. | 1888-89 | 1887-88 | 1886-87 |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Chicago..... | 11,141,000 | 11,152,000 | 10,471,000 |
| Milwaukee..... | 6,326,000 | 7,553,000 | 7,020,000 |
| Minneapolis..... | 31,993,000 | 26,833,000 | 26,525,000 |
| Duluth..... | 5,110,000 | 14,323,000 | 18,904,000 |

Total bu..... 53,570,000 70,696,000 72,960,000

The total receipts of winter wheat at the markets mentioned from July 30, 1888, to March 30, 1889, compared with two previous years, were as follows:—

| POINTS. | 1888-89 | 1887-88 | 1886-87 |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| St. Louis..... | 11,250,000 | 11,339,000 | 10,627,000 |
| Toledo..... | 7,091,000 | 8,361,000 | 12,019,000 |
| Detroit..... | 6,430,000 | 5,818,000 | 8,797,000 |
| Kansas City..... | 1,329,000 | 1,324,000 | 2,864,000 |
| Cincinnati..... | 1,521,000 | 1,331,000 | 2,705,000 |

Total bu..... 28,121,000 28,117,000 37,412,000.

BREAKSTUFFS ON PASSAGE.

The following shows the quantity of wheat and flour equivalent to wheat, expressed in quarters, (8 bushels to the quarter) on passage to Great Britain and Europe, on the dates named:—

| | March 30, 1889. | Mar 23, 1888. | March 31, 1887. |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| To Great Britain..... | 1,890,000 | 1,932,000 | 2,000,000 |
| To Europe..... | 360,000 | 312,000 | 370,000 |

EXPORTS FROM ATLANTIC PORTS.

Exports from principal Atlantic ports for the week ending March 30, and the corresponding week last year were:—

| | 1889. | 1888. |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Flour, bris..... | 150,600 | 205,000 |
| Wheat, bu | 353,500 | 518,100 |

Exports from Atlantic ports from Sept. 1st last to March 23, and corresponding period of previous year, were:

| | 1888-9. | 1887-8. |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Wheat, bu..... | 5,571,315 | 17,233,221 |
| Corn, bu | 38,540,818 | 12,521,129 |
| Flour, bris | 4,129,151 | 6,567,257 |

Chicago Barley Market.

While the feeling was about steady, the market was decidedly dull and slow. Barley that weighed less than 40 to 41 lbs was neglected, and some lots were on sale that had been offered all the week. Really good to choice samples were scarce, and salable in a small way at 52 to 62c, with very poor to fair dragging at 22 to 40c. Sales on track were: New No. 4—1 car at 25c, 1 at 30c, 3 at 40c; new No. 3—1 car at 50c, 1 at 54c.—Daily Business, April 4.

Fur Trade Notes.

J. Walsh, fur-buyer, bought \$1,800 worth of furs at Edmonton recently.

The New York *Fur Trade Review* for April, just out, says: "Our early forecasts of the prospects of sundry articles have thus far been borne out by the results of the sales to date, which show a steady advance. Russian sable, marten and mink will undoubtedly prove important articles for the coming season, and natura' furs will very generally find increased favor, both here and in Paris. The continually decreasing quantities of many articles brought from or sent forward to the London public sales is noticeable, and may be accepted as evidence that the steady slaughter of fur-bearing animals is tending toward their slow but sure extinction. The process which we are witnessing does not, however, attract the interest it merits. The increased quantities in Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s present sale is accounted for by the fact that the prices on some articles were too high for local consumption; and in consequence, many skins that otherwise would have been used here, were sent forward in the expectation that they would find a better market abroad. It may also be noted that the later date of the sale enabled shippers to secure the greater part of the year's collection. The contrast in supply is clearly shown in the Hudson Bay company's offerings; and the effect is manifest in the prices realized. Lynx, skunk, beaver and opossum continue in excellent demand; bear is in good request; and dark-red fox is very popular.

Moore & Co., Winnipeg, have assigned in trust to S.A.D. Bertrand.

CHALMERS BROS. & BETHUNE, Pilot Mound, will ship a car-load of cattle this week.

SPARKLING, butcher, of Pilot Mound, has sold out his branch establishment to J. Geddes.

H. S. WESBROOK is building a large implement warehouse opposite the postoffice, Carberry, Man.

EDWARD P. ALLIS, of the Reliance Works, mill furnishing, etc., Milwaukee, Wis., died suddenly on April 1st.

THE immigration arrivals at Winnipeg last week aggregate 1,403. The number which arrived last month was 6,015, the heaviest in the history of the province.

THE Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, B. C., has changed hands, Noland, the late proprietor, having sold to Fritz Schneider, formerly *chef de cuisine* of the Hotel Vancouver.

It is said that the Manitoba Government has abandoned the idea of endeavoring to have a government organ established in Winnipeg. This is evidently a wise conclusion.

Lineham, of Calgary has purchased the plant for a cheese factory and intends to start an establishment convenient to that town. He is bringing an experienced cheese maker from the east to manage the concern.

R. Scott, Shoal Lake, Man., has selected a site for his new creamery. Men are now employed at the building, which is 50x30 feet in size. The best plant will be put in, and the

services of a first-class dairyman has been secured.

A convention of the dairymen of Canada, with a view to organizing a Dominion Association of Dairymen, will be held in Ottawa, beginning on the 8th April. Arrangements will be made for railway excursion rates for those who are to attend the convention.

HON. THOS. GREENWAY, the Manitoba Premier, is sending out circulars asking different parties in settled townships to act as crop correspondents for the Government. The circular states that it is the intention of the Government to give each correspondent some standard work on agriculture.

PRICES to farmers at Brandon last week, according to the *Times*, were: Wheat—The market is quiet, with the prices ranging from 90 to 95c for No. 1 hard. There is scarcely any coming in at present, and a number of the buyers have dropped off the market until after seeding. Oats—Good clean oats for feed are being sold at 22c. White oats, for milling purposes, are quoted at 25c per bushel. Barley—There is none on the market, and no demand except for feed, with the price ranging from 24 to 26c. Cattle—The market is a shade better than last week, with the price at 3½c per lb. Sheep—The price quoted is 5c per lb. Hogs are bringing from 4½ to 5c per lb. Butter—The price at present is from 18 to 20c per lb. It is rather hard to get good fresh butter, and farmers who have some to sell would do well to dispose of it now, as there is a ready market for good butter. Eggs—The price quoted is 13c per dozen.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, May wheat opened 3c higher than Saturday's close, at \$1.02, and ranged during the day from \$1.00 to \$1.02½. July ranged from 86½ to 87½c. The weakness towards the close was caused by rains and other favorable crop news. Closing prices were:

| | April. | May. | June. | July |
|------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Wheat | 93½ | 1.00 | 93½ | 86½ |
| Corn | 34½ | 35½ | 33½ | 36½ |
| Oats | 25½ | 26 | 25½ | 25½ |
| Pork | — | 12.47½ | 12.50 | 12.60 |
| Lard | 6.95 | 7.00 | 7.05 | 7.07½ |
| Short Ribs | 6.15 | 6.20 | 6.25 | 6.30 |

There was no meeting of the board on Tuesday, on account of the civic elections. On Wednesday May wheat opened 3c lower than Monday's closing price, and ranged from 95½ to 99½c. July from 85½ to 86½c. Trade was active in July wheat. The drop in May wheat was due to speculative influences. Closing prices were:

| | April. | May. | June. | July |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Wheat | 94½ | 94½ | 91½ | 86½ |
| Corn | 35 | 35½ | 35½ | 36½ |
| Oats | 25 | 25½ | 25½ | 25 |
| Pork | — | 12.25 | 12.30 | 12.37 |
| Lard | 6.90 | 6.97½ | 7.00 | 7.05 |
| Short Ribs | 6.12½ | 6.17½ | 6.25 | 6.30 |

May wheat opened at 97½c on Thursday, and ranged during the day from 93 to 99½c. July ranged from 85½ to 87½c. There were some big transactions in May. Closing prices were:

| | April. | May. | June. | July. |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Wheat | 94½ | 95½ | 90 | 85½ |
| Corn | 35 | 35½ | 36 | 36½ |
| Oats | 24½ | 25½ | 25½ | 25½ |
| Pork | — | 12.30 | 12.35 | 12.42½ |
| Lard | 6.92½ | 7.00 | 7.02½ | 7.07½ |
| Short Ribs | 6.15 | 6.20 | 6.25 | 6.32½ |

On Friday wheat had a wide range in price, due to local speculative influences. Closing prices were:

| | April. | May. | June. | July. |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Wheat | — | 92½ | 91 | 86½ |
| Corn | — | 35½ | 36 | 36½ |
| Oats | — | — | — | — |
| Pork | — | 12.40 | 12.45 | 12.52½ |
| Lard | — | 7.00 | 7.02½ | 7.07½ |
| Short Ribs | — | — | — | — |

Minneapolis Markets.

Closing quotations on Change on Friday for wheat were:

| | April. | May. | On track. |
|----------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| No. 1 hard | 1.06 | 1.06½ | 1.06 |
| No. 1 northern | 94 | 94½ | 94.96 |
| No. 2 " | 83 | 83½ | 83.86 |

Quotations for flour were—Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$5.85 to \$6.20; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$5.65 to \$6.00; in barrels, \$5.85 to \$6.15. Delivered at New England points, \$6.50 to \$6.85; bakers, here, \$3.75 \$4.75; superfine, \$2.00 to \$3.50; red dog, sacks, \$1.35 to \$1.50; red dog, barrels, \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Bran and Shorts—Were dull and weak with no improvement reported. Quoted: bran \$6 50 to \$7; common shorts \$6.50 to \$7.

Barley—Dull and weak, especially for medium and inferior qualities. Quotations range from: 25 to 50c per bushel.

Chicago Provision Prices.

Prices at Chicago on Thursday for cash meats were:—Green meats—shoulders, per pound, 5½c to 5½c; hams, per pound, 8½c to 8½c. Loose dry salted shoulders, per 100 pounds, \$5.37½ to

\$5.50; short ribs, per 100 pounds, \$6.15 to \$6.20; long clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.20 to \$6.25; short clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.35 to \$6.40. Boxed meats—Long and short clear, per 100 pounds, \$6.45 to \$6.55; Cumberlands, per pound, 6½ to 7½c; Staffordshire sides, per pound, 7 to 7½c; smoked hams, per pound, 9½ to 9½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Prices for May, June and July were nearly the same. Closing prices on Change for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

| | Cash. | Mar. | May | June. |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Monday | — | 1.05½ | 1.02½ | — |
| Tuesday | — | 1.05 | 1.02 | — |
| Wednesday | — | 1.05 | 1.02 | — |
| Thursday | — | 1.03½ | 1.07½ | — |
| Friday | — | 1.03½ | 1.07 | — |

DULUTH wheat market closed normal on Saturday at about Friday's closing figures. Chicago wheat prices were fractionally lower for other options than May, the latter month being about 1c lower.

H. F. HOLMES, hardware dealer, Rat Portage, has sold out his stock, book debts, etc., to James Robertson & Co.

THE bill to strike out from the character of the Great Northwest Central railway the clause securing to the C. P. R. running power over the road, has been passed by the Dominion Parliament. This will place the G. N. W. C. railway in a position to push through the undertaking. The objectionable clause has been a very serious impediment in securing funds to build the road.

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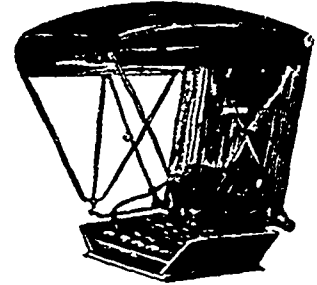


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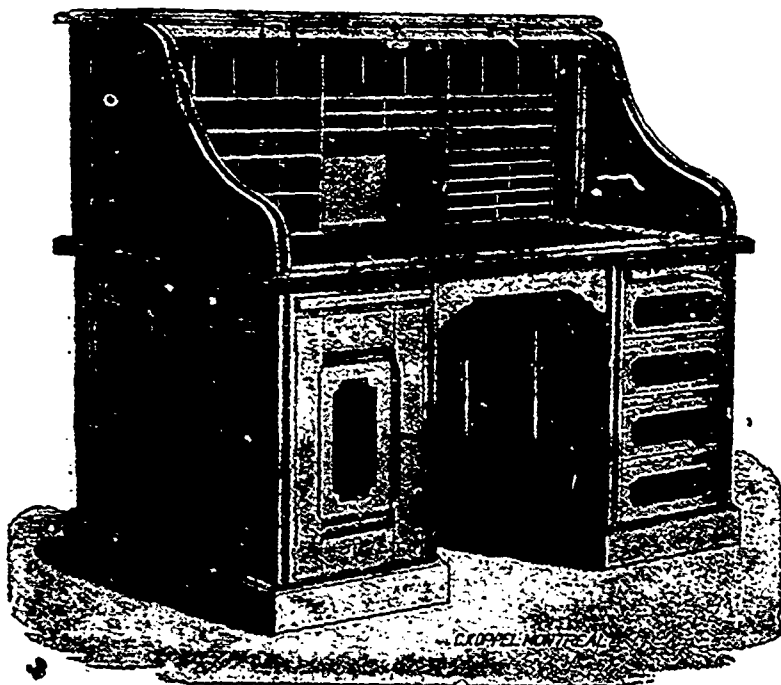
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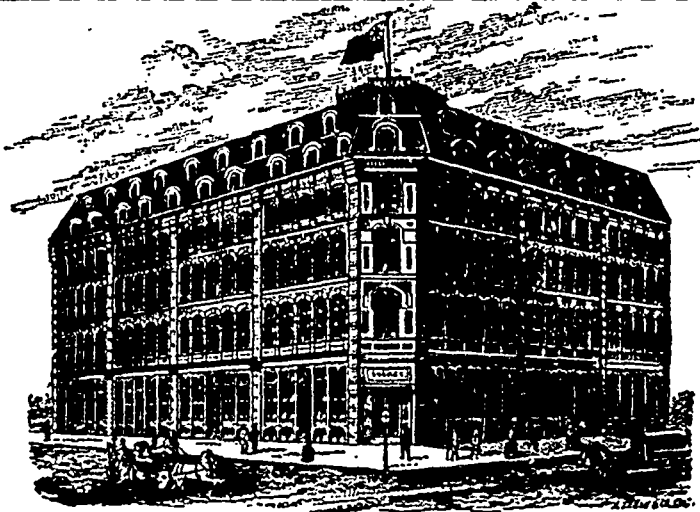
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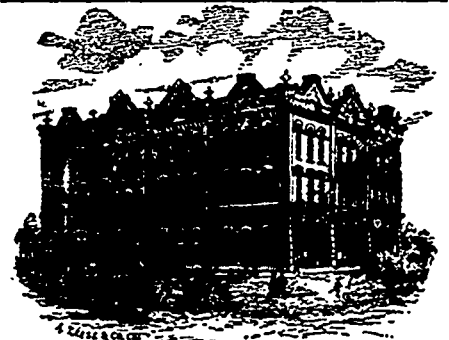
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 W. & R. McGeachie, manufacturers, St. Catharines, have assigned.
 Yorke & Mowry, manufacturers furnishings, Peterboro, have dissolved.
 H. Williams, planing mill, Campbellford, burned out, partially insured.
 Elliott Bros., groceries and liquors, London, have sold out liquor business.
 Lamb, Chisholm & Co., wholesale flour and feed, Toronto, have dissolved.
 Lindsay Seldon Furniture Co., Peterboro, sold out under chattel mortgage.
 M. Rothchilds, general store, Mattawa, North Bay and Sudbury, has assigned

QUEBEC.

I. D. Thurston, shoe manufacturer, Montreal, has suspended.

Mrs. Pierre Labbe, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.
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 Laurent Toutant, general storekeeper, Gentilly has assigned.
 G. Riverin & Co., dry goods and shoes, St. Jerome, have assigned.
 Sergius Archambault, general storekeeper, St. Theodose, has assigned.
 Brophy, Cains & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved. James Brophy retires, and Thos. Brophy, Fred. L. Caines and Adolphus W. D. Howell continue under same style.

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I. & W. Snook, grocers, Truro, have dissolved.
 J. J. McLellan, manufacturer paper bags, etc., Halifax, advertises business for sale.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

T. W. Flett, saw mill, Nelson, was burned out.
 Jones & Reynolds, grocers, Portland, burned out.
 J. A. Turner, oysters and fruit, St. John, has assigned.
 G. C. Matthews, butcher, Moncton, has assigned.
 John Robinson, jr., general storekeeper, Newcastle, has assigned.

Interesting Legal Decision.

A case of interest to auctioneers came up at the Winnipeg police court last week, when A. J. Smith was fined \$10 and costs, for selling goods by auction without a license. Smith conducted a sale in the city, of household effects, on what is known as the "cheap John" system; that is, the auctioneer places a price on the article being sold, and gradually reduces the figure until he finds a buyer, at a price named by the auctioneer. On behalf of the defendant it was urged, that sale by auction means beginning with a lower price and advancing to a higher. As in the "cheap John" method the contrary is the case, it was held that this was not selling by auction; and that no license fee was required to be paid. It was stated that this method was practised in England, and was held there not to be covered by the law requiring auctioneers to pay a license fee. The police magistrate, however, took a different view of the case. The case may be appealed.

W. S. CRONE, the well-known western representative of H. A. Nelson & Sons, fancy goods, Toronto, left Winnipeg for the east on Saturday, after doing the country as far as Victoria. He reported business brisk on the Pacific coast, but quieter in the Territories.

A TELEGRAM on Saturday from Sault Ste. Marie says: Dobie & Co., of Thessalon, Algoma district, are in trouble. Acting as disbursing agents for big timber contractors they have failed to pay the men in the woods for their winter's work. The lumbermen to the number of 200 have come in from the camps and threaten violence. The general supply store of Marks, Dobie & Co. is closed and the senior member of the firm has locked himself in.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made by the Union Bank of Canada to have their bills redeemed at par in British Columbia through the Bank of British North America.

THE COMMERCIAL sanctum was brightened for a brief time one day last week, with the presence of Mr. C. S. Douglas, publisher, Emerson. Mr. Douglas will visit Eastern Canada, and later will take a trip to the Pacific coast, on a prospecting tour for a future location, though he has not fully concluded to leave Manitoba. We hope he may find a location where his journalistic ability will find profitable scope for exercise, and where his genial disposition will be appreciated.



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Sheep Breeding.

Sheep breeding is becoming an industry of importance in sections of Manitoba and the Territories. In some portions of the Territories especially, the country is remarkably adapted to raising sheep, and it is an industry which will no doubt assume large proportions here in the future. A meeting was recently held at Toronto, Ontario, to organize a sheep breeder's association for Canada, at which a very interesting speech was made by Mr. John Hallam, wool dealer, etc., of Toronto and Winnipeg. This speech contains so many points of interest to sheep raisers, that we deem it worthy a place in these columns. At the commencement of the establishment of an industry, it is important that it should be properly understood. Sheep raisers will do well to read carefully the speech. Mr. Hallam said:—

I am pleased to be with you to-day to assist in the formation of a sheep breeders' association for the Dominion of Canada. Though not a sheep breeder, and knowing little about sheep except a savory leg of mutton or a good fleece of wool, I am largely interested in the products of the sheep; here we meet on common ground and our interests should be mutual, for I stand between the producer and the manufacturer. An organization of this kind will materially develop the interests of sheep breeders with a lively president and members working to that end.

Various associations are being formed in trade to protect and forward the interests they represent. On this line there is every reason for a sheep breeders' association, as sheep husbandry is one of the most ancient and honorable records. I want it to be distinctly understood that I do not come here to speak in favor of any particular breed of sheep or to come in conflict with any member of the society who may have pet ideas on fancy sheep breeding, but to give you my experience, from a wool dealer's standpoint, on the kind of wool that will produce the best results to the farmer and manufacturer. In doing this I may be treading on dangerous grounds and clash with some ideas as to the merits of the various classes of wools grown in this country.

Those farmers must remember, who have been complaining of the low price of wool, that all lustre wools have been low for a long time. Some ten or twelve years ago, fashion changed and demoralized the lustre dress goods business, in which our long lustrous combing wool was used; there is every reason to believe that this class of goods is coming into favor again, there will then be a better demand for this wool at a higher figure. There are other reasons why the coarse and medium wools are low priced in Canada, which largely depends on the sheep breeders themselves.

Fully one fourth of the clip from the sheep grown in Ontario is offered in an unmarketable condition. The wool is cotted, chaffy and

MIXED WITH SEEDS AND HURRS,

which lessens the value from four to five cents a pound to the manufacturer; if a little more care was taken by farmers to prevent their sheep from running at large, feeding around straw stacks and amongst thistles, to choose clean places for washing and sheering so as to keep the wool free from these impurities, I am sure the value of the entire clip would be increased from one to two cents per pound. In 1887 we imported, principally from Great Britain and her colonies, 12,033,693 pounds of wool valued at \$1,875,651, and exported to the United States 1,297,667 pounds of coming wool valued at \$238,256. Our exports of wool are getting less year by year. The reason for this, in my opinion, is that the breeders of thoroughbred stock in Ontario have been doing a large and profitable business in selling their stock to the farmers of the United States. The result is that they are now growing more combing

wools, thus supplying their own market. The statistical returns of the imports and exports of raw material to and from Canada are very delusive. I think I can safely say that we do not buy one pound of domestic wool grown in the United States.

Many farmers ask why we do not grow more fine wools in Canada and import less. My reply to this is that we cannot grow the finer grades in Canada to pay and compete with Cape, Australia, Buenos Ayres and Montevideo wools. Hence we have to import them, as they are necessary to the success of our manufacturers. We can

KNOW LONG AND MEDIUM WOOLS

and find a ready and profitable market for both the mutton and the wool. If I were a farmer in Ontario, and had the means and inclination to be a stock breeder, I would seize upon one leading breed of sheep, such as Leicester Shropshire or Southdown, and run it for all it was worth, for I think there is nothing so profitable to the farmer as sheep breeding when carried on economically and with a determination to succeed.

Farmers often ask the question why from 40 to 50 per cent. is taken off unwashed wools and think there is not that difference between unwashed and washed wools. In bygone days the usual reduction was one-third, but our manufacturers complained that it was not enough, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the wool, and insisted that it should be at least 40 per cent. From my own experience in handling unwashed wool I think they were about right. If our manufacturers were better off and could afford to use washing machines I would advise them to buy unwashed wool, not because it would come lower in price to them but because it is better for all practical purposes. The long coarse wools when clipped unwashed from thoroughbred sheep, when we feed and taken care of, will lose fully from 40 to 50 per cent. The grade sheep do not carry so much grease and do not shrink so much in washing.

We have a demand for all our unwashed combing wools in the United States, combers prefer it in that condition, if it were not for the absurdity of the Government placing the same duty per pound on unwashed as they do on washed wool. For instance, the present price of washed wool is 22 cents per pound, and the duty 10 cents, which is about 45 per cent; the present price of unwashed wool to our manufacturer is 12 cents, and, if we had to send it to the United States, there would be a duty of 10 cents per pound, or over 83 per cent. This practically

PROHIBITS THE SHIPPING

of this wool to the United States, hence we have only a local market with the disadvantages above named. This is one of the beauties of taxing raw material; under these circumstances I would not advise the farmers to clip their wool unwashed. The opening up of the great Northwest of Canada is developing a new feature in the sheep industry of this country. The broad prairies east of the Rocky Mountains and skirting the Bow River are highly suitable for sheep raising. There are now to be seen large flocks of Montana sheep grazing on the luxurious grasses of these plains. This sheep is of the Merino type, close-wooled, hardy and seem well adapted to the country. The wool is fine medium and desirable, but I think it might be greatly improved by judicious crossing with some of the English thoroughbreds, which would produce a wool, if not finer, of a stronger staple and better suited for flannels, hosiery and knitted goods, and would in the near future replace considerable wool that we now import. The pelt is not so valuable as that of the Leicester, Cotswold or other breeds of this type, owing to its being wrinkled on the neck, and, if anything, more tender; it is of less value for leather purposes.

THE FLOCK MASTERS

of the Northwest are endeavoring to introduce this breed of sheep by crossing the Montana ewes with thoroughbred rams such as the Leicester, Merino, Shropshire and Southdown.

No doubt they will succeed in producing a type of sheep superior to the Montana Merino if they are only careful to breed on the line of selection best suited for wool and mutton, and not interbreed, as is too often the case, with feeders of grade sheep, to the detriment of both wool and mutton.

Sheep husbandry is meeting with keen competition, not only with regard to the production of wool, but of the mutton also. The question now is, which is the best sheep that will give the greatest amount of profit and pay for the labor expended on its care? This, in my opinion, depends very much on the climate and soil where the sheep are to be kept and the readiness to a market for the sale of the mutton and wool. The sheep masters of Alberta are at a disadvantage here, as the C. P. R. subjects them to such outrageous rates for conveying sheep and wool from Calgary and stations east, in some instances charging as high as 3c per pound on unwashed wool to Toronto.

This brings me to a very curious question. What effect has climate and soil on wools? I find in different districts that wool clipped from Leicester, Cotswold and Shropshire is finer and more lustrous than the wool clipped from the same class of sheep in other districts, and is worth fully two cents per pound more for exportation. I am not prepared to say whether it is the climate or soil that causes this difference, but such is the case. In my opinion the best classes of sheep for the farmers of Ontario for both wool and mutton are the Leicester, Shropshire, Cotswold and Southdown. If the wool is low they have a fine carcass of mutton, which always commands a high price both for home consumption and for exportation to Great Britain. Merinos may do very well for crossing with some of the more robust kind, but as grade sheep they would not be so profitable.

Eau Claire Lumber Company, of Calgary, will be permitted to purchase the land now leased from the Dominion Government, upon which its mill stands, at a certain valuation fixed irrespective of the buildings and improvements placed on the lands by the company, and the additional value the lands may have gained thereby. The application of the company to be allowed to construct a dam across the Bow river, has been referred to the Department of Public Works. The Eau Claire company contemplates the erection of a roller flour mill at Calgary, but before doing so, wishes to attain the ownership of the leased lands now used by the company, and also to acquire the right to construct a dam on the river.

The Free Press of Ottawa, Ont., says: James McLaren, mill owner, of Buckingham, is sending a gang of men to his recently acquired timber limits in British Columbia. The term of their engagement is two years. The wages range from \$40 to \$75 per month for choppers, blacksmiths, teamsters, etc., with their fares paid. This will refer to the property of the Ross, McLaren Lumber Co., in B. C. The company will build a mill on the Fraser river.

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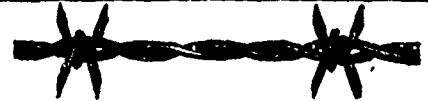
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Lumber Cuttings.

Fred Robinson is rushing work on the new mill at Beaver, B.C.

Major Walker, of Calgary, expected to have his mill at Kananaskis running last week.

John Frederickson will start a shingle mill near Oyster Harbor, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Captain Armstrong, of Golden, will build a sawmill at Oliver's Landing on the Columbia river, near Golden, B.C.

It is the intention of the Chemainus mill company to open lumber yards in Nanaimo and other centres of British Columbia.

Brown & Rutherford's men and teams returned to Winnipeg last week from getting out logs at Fisher Bay, Lake Winnipeg. About 25,000 logs were taken out.

E. B. Eddy, the great lumberman and manufacturer of woodenware, etc., of Hull, Ont., advertises his lumber mills and limits for sale, with the object of following his other manufacturing lines exclusively.

Jas. and Geo. Moring have arrived at Brandon, Man., from Toronto to take charge of the engineering department of J. A. Christie's new saw mill. They are putting the engine, boiler and machinery in the mill.

The mill at Birtle, Man., will likely be operated this season by the Banks owning the property. A rebate of taxes is being given by the town, as an inducement to operate the mill, which has been idle for some years.

The Royal City Planing Mills Co., Westminster, B.C., are manufacturing 105 land rollers for Sir John Lister-Kaye, for use on his farms in the Territories. The rollers are turned out of fir logs, and will be heavy enough for all purposes without the usual weighting.

Truth, of Donald, B.C., says: This week Garden, a Dominion land surveyor, surveyed four mill-sites on the banks of the Columbia east of Donald. One of the four has been applied for, and that by a gentleman largely interested in the saw mills at the Beaver. Garden also surveyed four sites at Revelstoke, all of which are applied for.

The dissolution of partnership between Grady and Anderson, who owned the Vancouver Company's saw mill, Vancouver, B. C., has been followed by the purchase of the property by T. L. Ruggles, of California, and James Anderson, the former having two-thirds interest and the latter one-third. Part of the machinery is at hand for the new mill and they are waiting for the remainder to arrive when operations will be pushed with vigor.

In Montreal, says the *Mississippi Valley Lumberman*, paper is now being made from saw dust. The process is a new one, but is consuming all the saw dust from one mill, and is proving a success. The paper made wholly from saw dust is said to form admirable sheeting and is fit for building after leaving the mill, being tarred and dried. In the production of the better quality of paper one-quarter of waste paper is used, the remainder being saw dust. It is estimated that about 12,000 tons of saw dust are converted into paper annually.

Insurance Briefs.

The town authorities of Portage la Prairie, Man., intend purchasing a new fire-bell, and they purpose buying a good one while they are about it.

The city council of Brandon, Man., has voted to purchase a chemical fire-engine from A. A. Andrews, of Winnipeg. The town now has a steam fire-engine.

Several citizens of western towns are talking of moving in the direction of incorporation, mainly with the object of providing better fire protection. Among these towns are Carberry, Morden and Moosomin.

The new postmaster-general of the United States—John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia—carries \$1,505,000 life insurance, and \$25,000 of it is in the Canada Life. There is only one person in the world who carries a larger amount of insurance than Mr. Wanamaker, namely, the Marquis of Anglessea, who is insured for \$2,500,000.

The Lake Superior Region.

A board of trade is talked of for Fort William West.

It is reported that the two railway companies formed with the object of building railways south and west of Port Arthur, have amalgamated. The Ontario Legislature recently voted \$3,000 per mile for fifty miles, to one of these roads. The amalgamation of the two roads is considered as likely to bring about the early commencement of construction. Bonuses from Port Arthur and Fort William are being talked of in aid of the road to the amount of \$60,000 from the former place and \$40,000 from the latter town. The question, however, should be very carefully considered before the corporations undertake to pledge themselves for such large amounts.

Port Arthur *Sentinel*: Some trouble exists between the customs department and the Beaver Mine Co. with regard to the duty on their diamond drill. The machine was imported from New York early in 1888, and was brought in as "a diamond drill for prospecting purposes" under the free list. The department later concluded that all the machinery connected with the drill should not be entered free, the drill only being covered in the enumeration of the articles on the free list. A duty of 30 per cent. on the cost of the machine, which was \$1,750, is now demanded. This makes \$525. The board of trade have taken up the matter, considering that the imposition of duty is unfair to the company.

THE B. C. Assembly adjourned on April 5.

GEO GREENLEES has formed a partnership with Braithwaite, blacksmith, Grenfell, Assa.

JOHN FORSYTH, of Toronto, has recently been employed putting the Oak Lake flour mill in thorough order.

MISS CUMMINGS has arrived at Regina, from Strathroy, Ontario, and will go into the dress-making business.

H. GERHART, from Forest, Ont., was at Virden, Man., last week, looking out for a place to establish a furniture business.

THE Hotel Brunswick, Minnedosa, is now under the management of C. Scobell, who entered into possession lately.

MR. MATTHEWS, representing Green & Sons Co., hats, fur goods, furnishings, etc., Montreal, is now on his route through the west.

HORATO ROSS and W. Podger, both of High River, Alberta, have formed a partnership in the ranching business. The firm will be known as Ross & Podger.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg council board of works the contract for the season's supply of lumber was awarded to D. E. Sprague of Winnipeg saw mill at \$24 per thousand, delivered.

THE general store stock of Sutherland & Atherton, Fort Qu'Appell is offered for sale by tender, up to April 15th. Also separate tenders for book debts. The stock amounts to \$5,185, including \$412 fixtures. Book debts, \$3,000.

Grain and Milling

Rorison will build an elevator at Carberry, Man., to replace the one burned recently.

J. J. Walterhouse, milling engineer, etc., Winnipeg, has received a large quantity of patterns of roller milling machinery and devices from the East.

Bonuses to Markle & Clemens, in aid of the establishment of a mill at Birtle, Man., will be voted upon; \$2,000 and tax exemption for ten years is asked from the town, and \$3,000 from the rural municipality surrounding the town.

"The only mill in the province for the manufacture of pot barley is at St. Leon, Manitoba." The above from the *Pilot Mound Sentinel*, is not strictly correct. Pot and pearl barley is manufactured at the oatmeal mills, Portage la Prairie.

It was reported in a telegram from Ottawa, on Friday, that the Government had decided to change the act regarding grain standards, so as to allow of the fixing of Manitoba grain standards by western boards of trade. The telegram says the bill will grant everything asked by western grain buyers.

A local stock company is being formed at Pilot Mound, Man., to establish a flour mill. Most of the stock has been subscribed and notice has been given of application for incorporation. The applicants are: Thomas McKay, James B. Baird, John Hiebert, general merchants; William A. Donald, solicitor; John M. Fraser, postmaster; John Knox, registrar; William Carson, miller; James T. Gordon, lumber merchant, and William C. Burns; all of Pilot Mound. The proposed corporate name of the company is "The Pilot Mound Milling Company (Limited)."

GROCER—"What kind of tea will you have, madam?"

"Black, I suppose; as I am in mourning."—*New York World*.

CHICAGO WIFE—Were you looking at some boots for me yesterday, dear?

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Chicago wife—Because I heard you say in your sleep last night that you were holding a pair of nines.—*Boston Beacon*.

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| 12 47 p.m. | 1 19 p.m. | Portage Junction | 0-23 a.m. | | 4:15 |
| 11 55 a.m. | 12 47 p.m. | St. Norbert | 0-37 a.m. | | 4:33 |
| 11 24 a.m. | 12 07 p.m. | St. Agathe | 10:10 a.m. | | 6:30 |
| 10 58 a.m. | 12 03 p.m. | Silver Plains | 33:10:15 a.m. | | 6:11 |
| 10 17 a.m. | 11 55 a.m. | Morris | 40:11:05 a.m. | | 6:42 |
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| 8 40 a.m. | 10 50 a.m. | West Lynne | 6:12:10 p.m. | | 8:30 |
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| | 4 40 p.m. | Winnipeg | 6:35 a.m. | | |
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| | 3 40 p.m. | Garrison | 6 35 p.m. | | |
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| 14 00 De | Lethbridge | Ar 1 30 |
| 15 55 | Woodpecker | 23 35 |
| 16 50 | Purple Springs | 22 40 |
| 17 45 Ar | Grassy Lake | 21 45 |
| 18 00 De | Cherry Coulee | 20 55 |
| 20 00 | Winnifred | Do 20 00 |
| 20 55 | Seven Persons | Ar 19 55 |
| 22 10 Ar | Dunnore | Do 17 30 |

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| LEAVE 10 00 | | Portage la Prairie | ARRIVE 12 30 |
| 17 45 | 35 | Gladstone | 12 05 |
| 18 45 | 61 | Nepawa | 10 33 |
| 19 45 | 79 | Minnedosa | 9 35 |
| 20 50 | 94 | Rapid City | 8 30 |
| 21 30 | 115 | Snoo Lake | 8 00 |
| 22 30 | 138 | Birtle | 7 00 |
| 23 30 | 155 | Binscarth | 5 55 |
| 24 10 | 160 | Russell | 5 15 |
| 24 40 | 180 | Langenburg | 7 15 |
| 1 45 | 200 | Saltcoats | 3 40 |
| ARRIVE | | | LEAVE |

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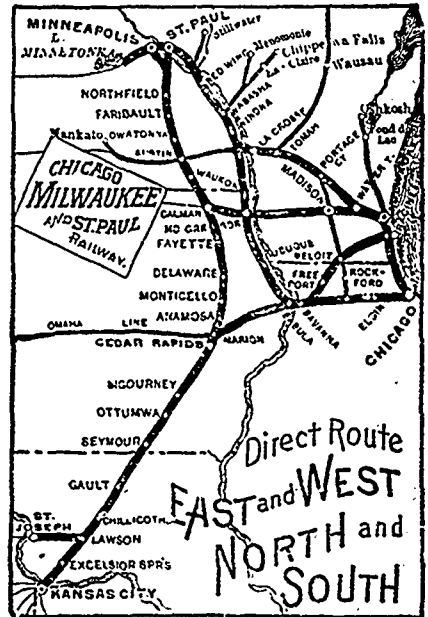
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