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WINNIPEG, MARCH 10, 1890.

MRS. FOX, millinery, etc, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to Mrs. McLaughlan.

R. J. W. ATTWOOD, druggist, Nanaimo, B.C., has been closed out.

LAFFERTY & MOORE, bankers, are closing their branch at Regina.

ELLIOTT & Sons have sold their implement warehouse at Minnedosa to S. C. Ranson.

ANDERSON, general merchant, Solsgrith, Man., contemplates moving to Bridge Creek.

ZINK BROS., boot and shoe dealers, Rapid City, Man., have sold out to W. H. Langman.

W. HODDER, grocer, Winnipeg, has left the city, and his stock has been seized by his creditors.

THE Manitoba Legislature last week decided that church property should not be exempt from taxation.

THE Tecumseh House, Winnipeg, has changed hands. F Collins has sold out to Harvey Johnson and Chris O'Connor.

THE Canadian Agricultural, Coal & Colonization Company (Kay Company) has bought out the business of G. Ward, butcher, Calgary.

J. J. SMITH & Co., general dealers, Emerson, Man., have dissolved partnership, Mr. Hefferling retaining. Smith will continue the business.

THE BROS., Regina, have bought the Palace House from the Merchants' Bank. Harcourt is the present lessee, holds the property during the year.

THE WESTMINSTER, B.C., has a bill before the local legislature for a street railway, and at a recent meeting a resolution was passed asking that a clause be inserted in the bill to prevent the employment of Chinese in connection with the enterprise.

THE Dominion Parliament has thrown out the application of the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway for a charter to build into British Columbia.

At a meeting of the dry goods section of the Toronto board of Trade held last week, a committee was appointed to carry out the scheme of shortening credits.

ROBERT STEELE, who has been with J. F. Howard & Co., druggists, Winnipeg, for some time, has purchased the drug business of Dr. J. E. Gemmel at Virden, Man.

CITY Engineer Ruttan, of Winnipeg, left last week for Ottawa to aid the efforts of the Manitoba members in securing an appropriation for the improvement of navigation on Red River.

BURKE, STONE & Co., general merchants of Cartright, Man., have made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the assignee, Winnipeg, on the 20th of March.

VAN Blaricom & Clarke, general merchants, of Arden, Man., have made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the assignee, Winnipeg, on the 15th of March.

A BOARD of Trade is being formed at Morden, Man., and about forty residents of the place have given in their names. A meeting to effect a permanent organization will be held as soon as the necessary papers are secured.

THE Winnipeg Scandinavian-Canadian estimates the population of Scandinavians in Manitoba at 18,000, and referring to the introduction of the new school bill, says these people are a unit in favor of the government's policy.

D. W. BOLE, of Regina, was in the city last week, arranging for the opening of a wholesale drug house in Winnipeg, by the firm of Dawson, Bole & Company. Mr. Bole secured the premises on Princess street, near the market square, recently vacated by Parsons, Bell & Co., and the new business will be opened about the first of April.

A MEETING of the stock holders of the Rat Portage Reduction Works company was held in Winnipeg last week when R. T. Riley was appointed trustee for the Winnipeg stockholders and the appointment of Messrs. Drewry and Riley on the directorate was confirmed. The manager reported that work on the building was progressing favorably.

THE Port Arthur board of trade has recommended the granting of an additional bonus of \$15,000 to the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway Company, payable on the completion of the line to the international boundary. Strong resolutions were also passed recommending the Dominion and Provincial Governments to aid both this and the Rainy River Railway.

THE committee appointed by the retailers convention to interview the Government respecting the exemption act, insurance rates and the taxation of stocks, met the Ministers on Thursday and presented the views of the convention on those subjects. The Ministers promised to give the matter full consideration. The committee asked that the exemption law be so amended that it will be possible to collect accounts for the actual necessities of life; that only the value of merchants' stocks over the amount of liabilities against the stocks be taxed; and that the insurance act be amended so as to secure for business men a cheaper rate of insurance.

J. W. PATERSON & Co., manufacturers of roofing felt, etc., Montreal, who purchased the paper mill at Portage la Prairie a short time ago, are overhauling the mill preparatory to commencing operations. They expect to begin work during this spring, and will manufacture straw-board, tarred felt and wrapping paper. Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, are agents for the firm.

THE Winnipeg Tribune says: "It has been learned upon reliable authority that one of the largest loan and colonization companies now doing business in Canada propose this spring to open a branch in Winnipeg for the purpose of doing business in Manitoba and the Territories. The advent of this company will doubtless mean a decrease in the rate of interest, etc."

At a meeting of the retail merchants of Rapid City the following delegates were appointed to attend the convention of retailers to be held in Winnipeg: D. A. Hopper, J. G. Hindson, James White, C. A. Rea, H. C. Ross, R. E. McGregor, J. A. Ovas. At the same meeting a resolution to abide by the decision of the Winnipeg convention regarding the credit system was unanimously passed.

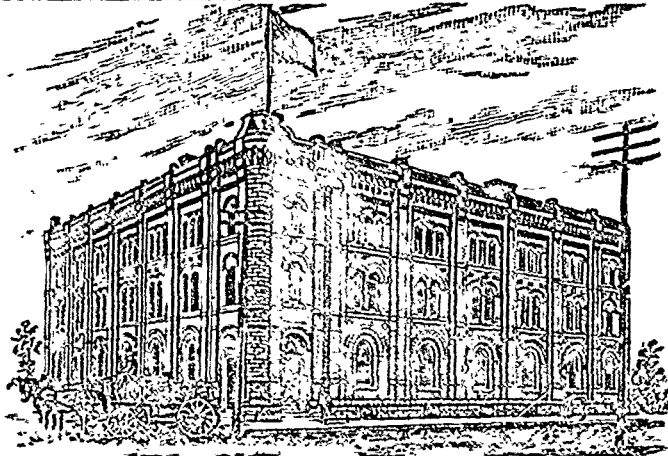
THE Brandon Mail says: There has been scarcely any wheat deliveries in the city since the recent storm. The demand for seed oats is increasing. Choice imported oats on the track sell for 43 or 44c. Butter is plentiful and about the same price. Fresh eggs are scarce. Butchers are mostly well stocked with frozen beef and very little farmers' beef is offering. Good potatoes are still scarce and sell readily. The storm affected the delivery of baled hay and it has advanced in price but will not likely be any higher.

MANITOBA whitefish are beginning to be appreciated by the fish epicures of the Pacific coast, despite the report that the first consignment sent out was very slow sale. The Westminster Columbian says: "So great was the demand for Winnipeg whitefish after the quality of the fish became known, that W. H. Vianen was obliged to make a second importation. The fish arrived yesterday and sold like hot cakes." Sending fish to British Columbia is like sending coals to Newcastle, but the Manitoba article gets there all the same. Manitoba has more than wheat to export.

THE committee on agriculture and immigration had a scheme proposed to it at Tuesday's meeting by C. N. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg board of trade, who had been summoned as a witness. He wanted the Government to appoint two, or perhaps more seed grain exchanges, say at Winnipeg and Brandon, through the medium of which farmers could exchange seed grain thereby keeping their seed new and strong. These exchanges could be in the charge of the local immigration agents, who, at present have nothing to do during the winter season.

THE Barnum Wire and Iron Works Company, of Walkerville, Ontario, are now preparing a new catalogue for the trade. They state it will contain descriptions of the largest line of architectural and builders' iron work ever published. The catalogue will be ready by April and it will be sent free to all architects, builders or dealers in such goods, who will send for it. The company is the largest manufacturing concern of the kind in Canada, their specialties including fire escapes, iron stairways, iron fences, bank and office railings and architectural metal work of every description.

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Boots and Shoes.

The last report of the Montreal shoe trade is as follows: "There seems to be a fair amount of satisfactory trade being done amongst the factories that are running on spring orders. Sorting orders are being received in large numbers, and this, with the regular trade, gives the shoe manufacturers all they can do. A much greater trade is being done this year than ever before in fine goods, and it can safely be said that at no other time in the history of the trade were there so wide or tempting an array of samples."

The *Shoe and Leather Journal*, of Toronto, recently had a description of the large shoe manufacturing house of Stevens, Glass & Clark, of London, Ont., which is described as one of the finest shoe factories in Canada. We make the following clipping: "The building, which is of brick, is substantially built, and fronts on Carling St., being about 50x200 feet, four stories high. On the ground floor are the offices and sample rooms, to the rear of which extends the sample goods department. In the basement are kept the stock and stock-cutting department, engine room, etc. The second flat contains the lasting and bottoming departments, for all grades of work except the hand-sewed goods. Here the work of soleing, heeling, trimming, setting and burnishing is done to the accompaniment of the usual hum of tireless machinery. On the third flat we find the cutting and fitting departments, where the uppers are prepared for the lasts. All the designing and pattern cutting is done on this flat. On the top floor are the cleaning and treeing, as well as the hand-sewed departments. The firm are making a specialty of hand-sewed turns and men's fine hand-sewed goods. In these lines the demand for their make has been such as to already put their capacity to a severe test. Their "Challenge" stoga is so well-known as to need no comment. Steadily has their trade developed, especially in Western Canada, until they have their goods placed with the leading retailers at every important point as far west as British Columbia."

The *New York Sun* asks the question, "What becomes of old shoes?" and answers it as follows: "Old shoe merchants never pass an

ash can without inspecting for old shoes. If any are found they soon find a hiding place in the capacious bag carried for the purpose. Each day's labor is taken to the home of the "old shoe man," where it is sorted over. Shoes that are not past a few days of usefulness go under the resuscitating care of an Italian cobbler. He gives the old shoe a new lease of life by endowing it with a new sole and other repairs. These go to some second-hand shoe store, of which there are a goodly number in this city. The shoes that are past repair are taken to the old junk dealers, who in turn ship them to the shoddy factories. There they are pulled to pieces in order to remove the steel shank piece, if there be any, and then ground to pieces to a fine dust. This leather dust is then mixed with about forty per cent of rubber, which has been gathered in the same way. The mixture of rubber and leather dust is spread in sheets about two feet square, and subjected to a pressure of 6,000 to 10,000 pounds per square foot. The substance is then colored, and sold at prices some fifty per cent. below that of leather. This manufactured leather is used by the manufacturers of cheap shoes, mostly for inner soles. As it is wholly wanting in fibre, it is manifestly a very poor substitute. Shoes with these shoddy inner soles are to be found in large quantities strung on poles and bearing the legend "all leather, \$1." The industry of making shoddy shoes has greatly improved. At first straw board was used for inner sole counters, and sometimes for out soles by pasting over with a thin veneer of sole leather. Next leather scraps and old shoes were ground up and mixed with the straw paper. This gives a little better substance. Now shoddy contains leather dust and rubber."

New Westminster Board of Trade.

At the annual meeting of the board of trade of the city of New Westminster, B.C., held recently, there was a large attendance of members. John Hendry, president occupied the chair.

The reports of the auditors and secretary-treasurer showed the following statistics: Receipts during the year, \$353; expenditures, \$470.70; assets, cash in bank \$597.34; dues (good) \$304; furniture, etc, \$140; total \$951.34.

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Liabilities, \$31; balance of assets over liabilities, \$920.34. No. of members, 53; increase since last annual meeting, 7. There were eight new members elected at the meeting, making the whole membership now 61, and the receipts of the evening brought the cash surplus up to \$689.

Among the communications presented to the meeting was one from the clerk of Maple Ridge council asking this board to endorse a petition to the government for a traffic bridge over Pitt river, and the extension of the Pitt river road to the mission. It was resolved to ask the government for the bridge, and recommend the city council to use its influence in the same direction.

A resolution was passed protesting against the discontinuance of the mail subsidy between the city and Victoria by way of the Fraser, and a committee was appointed to prepare a memorial to the government asking that the service be improved.

The president-elect was appointed a committee to consider the question of a banquet, and the president, vice-president, and secretary were authorized to invest a part of the surplus funds.

The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows: President, Alex. Ewert; vice-president, T. J. Trapp; sec. treasurer, B. Robson; council, Geo. Turner, B. Douglas, H. Hoy, E. S. Scoullar, H. Elliot, W. A. Duncanson, W. Wolfenden, G. E. Corbould; board of arbitrators, the members of the council and J. L. Laidlaw, C. M. Beecher, W. B. Townsend, C. G. Major.

The following resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the Toronto board of trade: "That this council desire to urge upon the Government the importance of taking immediate steps to secure the establishment of a two-cent postage rate for the whole empire."

F. X. Cousineau, of Toronto, has been assessed \$1,200 by a jury, for the false arrest of a clerk and charging him with theft. The plaintiff claimed that Cousineau's object in charging with theft was to destroy his character as a witness, should he be called to give evidence against the defendant in an insurance case pending.

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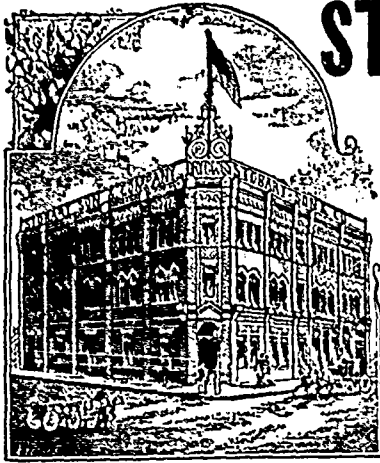
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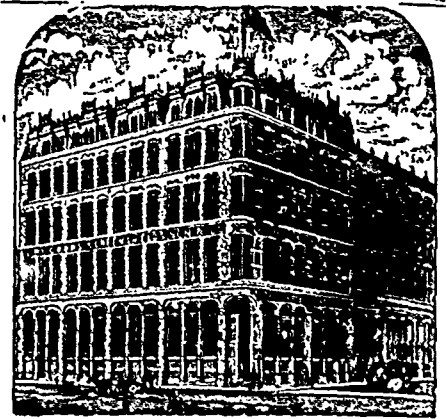
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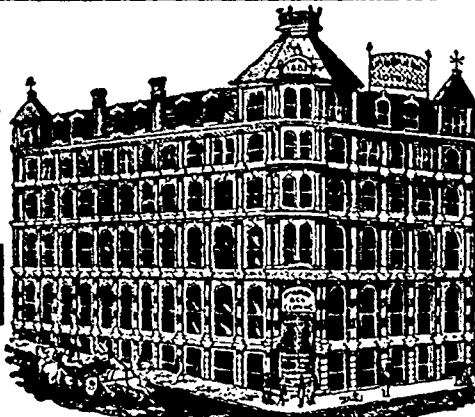
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THE CONVENTION.

The Retailers' Convention, which has been perhaps the most important matter before the trade of Manitoba and the Territories for some time, has come and gone, and it may fairly be claimed that it has been a success. When the proposal of holding a convention of the retail merchants of the country was first mooted, it was recognized that there were many difficulties in the way. However, when THE COMMERCIAL asked for the opinions of merchants as to the advisability of holding such a gathering, the flood of letters which came in from all parts of the country, favoring the proposal, were sufficient to warrant the calling of the convention. The many replies received showed that the merchants really desired that the convention should be called, and the large number who promised to attend, was a guarantee from the start that the attendance would be good. It was evident from the first that the merchants recognize the disadvantages in connection with the system of doing business in this country, and that they are in earnest in desiring a reform. With these assurances, the convention was called with the belief that much good would be accomplished, in spite of the knowledge of the difficulties in the way.

The expectations in regard to attendance have been realized. The attendance was large and representative, almost every commercial community in Manitoba being represented by one or more merchants, while a number from the Territories were also present. Quite a number of those present were sent as delegates duly appointed by the merchants of the town whence they came, and they therefore represented others as well as themselves. Many came doubting that anything practical could be accomplished, but at the same time they were willing to make an effort to accomplish something. Those who came with such a belief, will certainly go away pleased with the result. Others who were more enthusiastic, may be somewhat disappointed that more practical work was not done. When everything is taken into consideration, however, there is every reason to be pleased with the result.

The direct result of the convention is the organization of "The Manitoba and Northwest Retail Association." This in itself is no small matter. The retailers of the country now have a thoroughly organized association, with officers duly elected, and a definite programme in view. An association is now in existence which has for its object the improvement of the position and condition of retail trade in this country. Yesterday the retailers of this country were a divided people, without any means through which they could make their desires known. Now they have a mouth piece through which they can speak officially and authoritatively. They came together, strangers to each other, without any definite programme, and with vague ideas of the course which might be pursued. They were all at sea as to what might be undertaken at the convention; beyond the

belief that certain subjects were to be talked over. They depart with the knowledge that they have now an association to look after their interests, and that they belong to this organization. The merchants of the country are not now strangers to each other, every man on his own account, but members of an association working together for the common good.

The formation of the Manitoba and Northwest Retail Association should mark a new era in the history of the country. If the objects sought are now faithfully followed up, the association will certainly be the means of doing great good. As Mr. Ross, of Rapid City, remarked at the convention, now is the time to lay the foundation right. While the country is young and the number of business men few, is the time to establish business on a proper basis. It will be much easier to place business on a proper basis now than years hence, when the number of traders has greatly increased. Every year that passes by will render it a more difficult matter to correct the greivous evils which have crept into our system of doing business.

The new association has a work before it, a start upon which has now been fairly made. Though a good deal has been accomplished as a result of the convention, yet it may be said that the preliminaries have only been arranged and the work only fairly commenced. This indeed is all that could be expected, considering that the merchants came together without any definite programme and without any organization. A great deal of time must of necessity have been consumed at the start in getting things in running order. Now this work is all done. When another convention is decided upon, this preliminary work will not have to be done over again. The members will be able to come together with a definite programme in view, and in fact they will be able to start where they have this time left off.

In addition to the more apparent results accomplished by the convention, those present will receive much benefit personally from the discussions upon the various matters brought up. The thinking man could not fail to learn much that would assist him in his business. Ideas are developed by these discussions, and those who take a part in them will be generally brightened up. From this point of view alone the convention has done much good, and the meetings of the association in the future will do good in the same direction. The live business man on this consideration cannot afford to miss future meetings of the association. The acquaintanceship worked up among merchants should also be of benefit to them. It will induce a feeling of sympathy, through the knowledge that they are working together for the common good. This feeling should assist in eradicating to some extent the little petty jealousies among merchants, which is often the cause of injury to the trade of an entire community. The matters discussed at the convention are dealt with elsewhere in this issue, and for the present further comment will be withheld. In conclusion we may only say that the ball has now been set rolling, and that there is every reason to hope and believe that the reforms so necessary to place the retail trade of the country upon a proper basis, will in due time be carried out.

THE NEW EXTRADITION TREATY.

The extradition treaty between Great Britain, Canada and the United States, has been amended by the Senate of the latter country, by striking out the clause relating to obtaining money or goods under false pretences. This offence will not therefore be extraditable. The senate has also amended the clause relating to manslaughter, by defining what is meant by the clause. The changes made by the senate must be accepted by Great Britain before the treaty is formally ratified. There is little doubt, however, but that this will be speedily done. The additional offences which will be extraditable in the event of the ratification of the amendments by the British government will be as follows:

1. Manslaughter (under the definition adopted by the senate).
2. Counterfeiting or altering money; uttering or bringing into circulation counterfeit or altered money.
3. Embezzlement, larceny; receiving any money, valuable security or other property, knowing the same to have been embezzled or stolen.
4. Fraud by a bailey, banker, agent, factor, trustee, or director or member or officer of any company made criminal by the laws of both countries.
5. Perjury, or subornation of perjury.
6. Rape, abduction, child stealing, kidnapping.
7. Burglary, housebreaking or shopbreaking.
8. Piracy, by the laws of nations.
9. Revolt, or conspiracy to revolt, by two or more persons on board a ship on the high seas, against the authority of the master; wrongfully sinking or destroying a vessel at sea, or attempting to do so; assaults on board of a ship on the high seas with intent to do grievous bodily harm.
10. Crimes and offences against the laws of both countries for the suppression of slavery and slave trading.

Offences extraditable under the present existing treaty are: murder, assault with intent to murder, piracy, arson, robbery, forgery and the utterance of forged paper. These with the additions likely soon to be made by the treaty now pending, make a pretty full list. The Jay treaty of 1794, which was the first treaty between the United States and Great Britain in which extradition was provided for, made provision only for the surrender of persons charged with murder or forgery. The next treaty, that of 1842, extended the list to seven, enumerated above, and the new treaty likely to be ratified extends the list to sixteen. The next step in advance should be to hand over all persons accused of crime, without regard to the nature of the offence.

The right of way agents of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba will start out shortly to secure the right-of-way for the branch which will be built to the Souris coal fields.

The second large party of colonists left the Union station, Toronto, by the Canadian Pacific railway, on March 4, for the west. There were 132 persons and 23 cars of stock. The trains were run in two sections.

THE RETAILERS' CONVENTION.

THE MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST RETAIL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED.

MERCHANTS GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE RESULT.

Since the first proposal was made to hold a convention of retail merchants of Manitoba and the Territories, it has been apparent that a great deal of interest has been taken in the matter. Meetings were held in a great many towns throughout the country to discuss the proposed convention, and it was recognized that an effort should be made to correct the evils which face the retail trade of this country. At these meetings delegates were appointed to attend the convention as representatives of the local mercantile community. A good many merchants also attended from places where meetings had not been held.

On Sunday and Monday every incoming train brought a number of delegates to the city. The number of people congregated about the leading hotels was sufficient to show that something unusual was going on. The convention was called as per notices issued, to begin at eight o'clock on Monday evening, in Trinity hall, and by the hour appointed about one hundred merchants had gathered at the hall, representing almost every commercial community in Manitoba and from several points in the Territories.

At the hour appointed Mr. Steen took the chair, and called the meeting to order. He explained that he had taken the initiative in calling the meeting at the request of a number of the retail merchants of Manitoba. A desire had been expressed for such a convention, and a proposal to that effect had been met with a hearty response from merchants all over the country. He referred to the objects of the convention, to a number of the disadvantages under which the merchants labored, particularly as to the exemption act, and concluded by stating that though he had called the convention, he had no desire to manage it nor interfere in any way with the deliberations of those present. He would leave the meeting entirely in the hands of the delegates, and asked to be relieved of any further responsibility, by the appointment by the meeting of a chairman and secretary.

The convention then proceeded with the election of a chairman, the choice of which fell on H. C. Ross, of Rapid City. W. T. Reid, of Neepawa, was chosen secretary, and the meeting settled down to business. After considerable discussion the following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

Messrs. Baird, Pilot Mound; Rollins, Crystal City; Chantler, Westbourne; McDermott, Minnedosa; Livingstone, Glenboro; Sanders, Deloraine; Marsh, Beulah.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Messrs. Anderson, Portage la Prairie; Young, Virden; Mole, Killarney; Hill, Carberry; Lewis, Morris; Sherlock, Grenfell; Hunter, Winnipeg; Hemingway, Carman; Bole, Regina; Lewis, Birtle; McKnight, Boissevain; Ross, Rapid City; Reid, Neepawa.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Messrs. Wright and Horne, Winnipeg; Canniff, Portage la Prairie; Hindson, Rapid City; Bray, Wolseley.

The following persons registered their names as delegates to the convention: W. J. Hemingway, Carman; James Connory, Morris; Wm. Hunter, Winnipeg; D. W. Bole, Regina; L. R. Arnett, Winnipeg; T. L. Bray, Wolseley; J. Anderson, Portage la Prairie; David McIntosh, Lake Dauphin; R. E. Sherlock, Grenfell and Lethbridge; S. E. Shelvan, Snowflake; J. S. Young, Virden; J. B. Baird, Pilot Mound; D. A. Hopper, Rapid City; D. F. Williams, Treherne; J. E. Saunders, Deloraine; John Chantler, Westbourne; J. L. Gould, McGregor; Geo. Martin, Portage la Prairie; H. C. Ross, Rapid City; B. M. Canniff, Portage la Prairie; R. Rollins, Crystal City; R. T. Moore, Crystal City; Thomas McKay, Pilot Mound; T. B. Moikle, Carman; T. S. Mole, Killarney; A. E. Hill, Carberry; A. W. Dalton, Carberry; S. Himpton, Glenboro; R. D. Martin, Deloraine; J. B. Rutherford, Stonewall; W. T. Reid, B. R. Hamilton, C. W. Herral, Neepawa; G. T. Robinson, Winnipeg; M. Laurie, Morris; A. M. Herron, Deloraine; Henry Burke, St. Charles; D. J. McQueen, Gladstone; William Cairns, McGregor; J. G. Hindson, Rapid City; F. H. Francis, Headingly; R. D. Templeton, H. P. Hamerton, A. Callander, J. K. McLennan, D. C. McGregor, C. D. Anderson, N. N. Cole, J. Mullen, J. K. Wright, J. W. Cockburn, Winnipeg; John Hiebert, Pilot Mound, G. W. Marsh, Beulah; P. J. McDermott, Minnedosa; W. T. Rodem, Deloraine; H. J. Woodside, Portage la Prairie; Edward Jordan, Thornhill; A. McKnight, Boissevain; W. Logg, Elkhorn; H. P. Hausen, W. J. Sutton, Geo. Ashdown and J. Heiman, Morden.

There were also quite a number of Winnipeg and other business men present who did not register their names.

The committees were requested to get to work at once, and have matters ready so that the work of the convention could be regularly begun at the session on Tuesday morning. The meeting was then adjourned till ten o'clock on order to allow the various committees to perform their work.

TUESDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

The merchants gathered at the hour appointed. The first business transacted was a report from the committee on organization, which favored a permanent association, to be known as "The Manitoba and Northwest Retail Association." The report was adopted and the convention at once proceeded with the election of permanent officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

President—J. Baird, Pilot Mound.

Vice-President—J. Anderson, Portage la Prairie.

Secretary—W. T. Reid, Neepawa.

Treasurer—W. Hunter, Winnipeg.

The following were nominated as the council of the association: A. E. Hill, Carberry; W. J. Hemingway, Carman; R. Rollins, Crystal City; R. E. Sherlock, Grenfell; J. S. Young, Virden; J. A. Bryson, Winnipeg; J. E. Saunders, Deloraine; F. G. Lewis, Birtle; A. C. Fraser, Brandon.

The committee on the order of business recommended the following subjects for discussion:

1. The credit system.
2. The butter system.
3. The prevention of the slaughter of bankrupt stocks.
4. Exemption.
5. Insurance.

6. The best methods of storekeeping.

7. This committee advises the convention to petition the Government to adopt inspectors in each municipality to see that farmers' grain stocks are properly protected from fire.

While the ballots for the council were being counted over by the scrutineers, an informal discussion on the credit system was begun, and participated in by a number of those present. The coupon system was the particular item under discussion. Mr. Livingstone, of Glenboro, explained the system as practiced by him. A farmer bought a coupon book from him, giving in return a note for a certain length of time, and paid for his goods by coupons. Unused coupons when the note fell due were credited on the note. A number who spoke said the coupon system worked satisfactorily. It saved a great deal of time and trouble in book-keeping, and another advantage was that the farmer always knew how he stood, the extent of his liabilities, and the date when he was expected to pay.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The discussion of the credit system was resumed immediately after the convention was called to order, and a long running discussion took place on the coupon system.

It was moved by R. Rollins, seconded by B. R. Hamilton, "That in the opinion of this convention the credit system as it now exists is unsatisfactory and detrimental to the best interests of the retail trade. That credits are given for too long a time. That this convention recommends the general adoption of the coupon system."

Mr. Hemingway moved, seconded by Mr. Livingstone, "That in the opinion of this meeting all books should be closed from the first day of November to the first day of May."

Mr. B. R. Hamilton moved as an amendment, seconded by R. Rollins, "That this convention recommends the suspension, as far as possible, of all credit during the winter months, say from 1st December until 1st of April."

The latter portion of the resolution regarding the shutting off of all credit business during a portion of the year, provoked a great deal of discussion. It seemed to be the general opinion that an effort should be made to curtail credit business as much as possible during the winter. After the crops commence to move in the fall, it was believed that merchants should do a strictly cash business until the following spring, but at the present time it was not thought advisable to adopt such a resolution.

As to the coupon system those present appeared almost unanimously in favor of it. A number related their experience with coupons, which showed clearly that it was an advantage, and it was proved to the satisfaction of all, that it was very much easier to collect notes than open accounts. A number related their experience with notes as against open accounts, and from their statements it was shown that the percentage paid on notes was about double that paid on open accounts. As to the signing of a note in return for the coupons, before the goods were received, it was shown by the experience of those present, that it was very much easier to get a note from a farmer before goods were purchased, than it was to get a farmer to give a note in settlement of a back account.

It was stated by one speaker, that what was required was a little firmness in the matter. The farmers were the persons receiving the accommodation, not the merchant, and therefore the farmer should not object to sign the note.

in exchange for coupons. The coupon system, it was generally conceded, would be a great improvement upon the present system, and as such it should be adopted. It would assist in placing business upon a better basis, and pave the way for further reform of the present system in the future. The general adoption of the coupon system would be a good beginning; and if followed up would lead to something better in the future. The merchants held the opinion that they could not expect to reduce business to a cash basis at once, but the adoption of the coupon system would be an important step in the right direction, and at a more favorable season a further step would be rendered easier.

Finally the motion by Messrs. Rollins and Hamilton was adopted, together with the amendment to Mr. Hemingway's motion.

A deputation from the Winnipeg board of trade was introduced during the afternoon. The deputation consisted of R. J. Whitla, J. H. Ashdown, F. W. Stobart, G. F. Galt, S. Nairn, K. McKenzie, W. Georgeson, W. S. Grant, J. H. Housser, W. D. Pettigrew, J. Redmond, T. Ryan, G. F. Stephens, S. R. Parsons, A. Macdonald, D. Fraser and C. N. Bell.

Mr. Whitla was glad to greet the retailers at their first gathering, and hoped it would be an annual affair. They need not be in any hurry to rush through their business, as the board accepted them as their guests, and the hall would be at the disposal of the convention so long as they desired to continue in session.

Mr. Ashdown thought good would be accomplished by reasonable consideration of questions affecting trade. He spoke of the credit system, and pointed out that another avenue of loss was the neglect to enter items in the books, which would be remedied by the coupon system.

Mr. Galt was pleased to see the retailers holding a convention, the benefits from which could not be estimated. Business should be intelligently carried on, and this could be accomplished in no better way than by consultation. He did not want to see the adoption of eastern ideas into the trade of the Northwest—that of selling goods on credit and waiting a considerable length of time for their money, but rather the system of the Western States, of selling at close figures and prompt settlements.

Mr. Stobart heartily welcomed the merchants, and expressed the hope that they would be so well pleased at the result of their deliberations that their gathering would become an annual affair.

Mr. McKenzie was of the opinion that the deliberations would be of great benefit to all, and the fact that the wholesale men were taking no part would have a great effect in influencing the customers of the retail merchants.

Mr. Grant spoke at length on the butter trade, and at the conclusion of his remarks answered a number of questions put to him by members of the association. There was a large quantity of butter on hand that would have to be disposed of at five cents a pound, in consequence of carelessness in packing and neglect to market when first made. He would impress on the retail merchants to caution their customers to turn out a good article and sell as soon as made. Mr. Grant suggested to the convention to consider some way by which information could be collected and disseminated as to the supply and demand for butter. If Manitoba

wished to export its product of the dairy, butter would have to be put up in attractive packages, greater care taken in making, and it would have to be marketed earlier. In concluding, he cautioned the merchants to refuse the butter put up in old tubs.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session the programme committee submitted a report, recommending that one hour each be devoted to consideration of the butter question and bankrupt stocks, and half an hour to the exemption law, which was adopted.

Mr. Hemingway then introduced the first resolution respecting the butter trade, seconded by Mr. Young, as follows: "That in the opinion of this meeting the butter trade of this province is handled in a most unsatisfactory manner; therefore be it resolved that this meeting appoint a butter inspector in every town in the province, and that no butter be bought or sold only on his inspection. And further, that the inspector's fees be, say, five cents per package inspected, payable by parties having butter inspected; also, that parties manufacturing butter buy their packages, and not, as formerly, given by merchants to fill and return; also, that no butter be taken on accounts by merchants."

An amendment was introduced by Mr. Ross, which read: "That this convention strongly advise the establishment of creameries throughout the country as the best solution of the butter question; that until creameries can be established a higher price should not be paid for butter than it will realize in the wholesale market, and that the system of supplying tubs free to the customer be discontinued, and that butter be not taken on due or overdue accounts."

The amendment was adopted after a long discussion during which the question was dealt with in all its various phases. The idea of appointing inspectors who could have no legal authority was considered impractical. The appointment of a government inspector for the province was suggested, but it was pointed out that power to make such an appointment rested solely with the Inland Revenue department at Ottawa, and that a provincial inspector could not have any legal authority.

The committee on ways and means made a report as follows: "The committee of your convention on ways and means having ascertained that the expenses in connection with this meeting will be small; we therefore beg to report that we would suggest a contribution of fifty cents from each delegate to cover the same."—Adopted.

The question of bankrupt stocks was brought up and briefly discussed. It was pointed out that solvent dealers endeavoring to do a legitimate business were greatly injured by bankrupt stocks being thrown on the market and slaughtered; and it was thought that such stocks should be, as far as possible absorbed by the wholesale men in order to protect solvent firms. Disapproval of the supply account system was also strongly expressed. Two resolutions covering the question were offered but were not voted on and the matter was allowed to drop for the time being.

The convention then adjourned until Wednesday morning at half past nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

The convention re-assembled at 10 o'clock in the morning, with President Anderson in the chair. By consent the question of exemptions

was laid over till the afternoon session. The subject of bankrupt stocks was again introduced and the following resolutions adopted:

Moved by Mr. Meikle, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that in view of the great loss and discouragement to solvent merchants by the sale and sacrifice of bankrupt stocks in their vicinity, this convention would strongly urge upon the wholesale merchants to devise some plan to prevent as far as possible the loss occasioned thereby to their good customers, and in some cases ultimately loss to themselves by causing other failures.

Mr. Rollins moved, seconded by Mr. Hopper, and it was unanimously resolved: "That in the opinion of this convention it is detrimental to the interest of the retail trade that wholesale houses establish supply accounts in competition with legitimate dealers."

The convention then proceeded to the consideration of the question of insurance. It was moved by B. R. Hamilton, seconded by Geo. Ashdown, that the convention urges upon all retail dealers the necessity of carrying an insurance on the stock sufficient to protect themselves and creditors in case of fire. This was discussed and withdrawn and Messrs. Hemingway, Sutton and Hamilton were appointed to draft a resolution on the subject, and submit the same at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to which hour the convention was adjourned.

The best method of storekeeping was the next subject laid before the convention for consideration, and the discussion continued till 12.30 o'clock. The practice of "cutting" so commonly indulged in was condemned on all hands, and to remedy the evil W. T. Reid introduced the following resolution, seconded by H. C. Ross: "That this convention recommends the formation of local associations or local boards of trade by the merchants in the different towns in this province and the territories for the regulation of the price of produce, for securing a uniformity in the price of staple articles and to discourage the practice of cutting prices of general goods."

The resolution was adopted, and an adjournment taken till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The first subject for consideration was that of insurance and it occupied a good deal of the sitting, an animated discussion taking place. A number of leading members of the Winnipeg board of trade were present and joined in the discussion.

Mr. Hemingway moved, seconded by W. J. Sutton, that in the opinion of this convention the insurance rates of this province, particularly the rates charged merchants, are excessive and exorbitant, therefore be it resolved that we representing the retail mercantile interests form ourselves into a body and notify the insurance companies through the Winnipeg board of trade that unless the rates be reduced to correspond closely with those of other provinces we will use our utmost endeavor to induce other companies to come in as well as form local companies to do business, and it is also resolved to ask the wholesale merchants to co-operate with the convention in a united effort to secure a reduction owing to the fact that under present circumstances in many cases merchants are unable to carry sufficient insurance to protect themselves and their creditors, and that a committee be appointed to co-operate with the Winnipeg board of trade in the matter.

Mr. E. T. Riley objected to the whole sys.

tem of insurance in this country finding particular fault with the board of underwriters as now constituted as it was to the interests of the underwriters who were the insurance agents to keep up rates. He also took exception to the forms of policies and advocated the formation of a local company. If such a company were formed it must have no connection with the board of underwriters. He thought that at least the convention should enter a vigorous protest against the way of conducting insurance here and bring the board of underwriters in Manitoba to their senses.

Mr. Ashdown made a vigorous speech declaring that the time had come for decisive action. He advised an agitation against the insurance companies and no surrender in the matter. The business men of Manitoba would be themselves to blame if they did not get their rights in this matter.

Ex-Mayor Ryan also favored a vigorous course of action against the companies for lower rates.

Mr. Labonde advocated the wholesale and retail merchants forming a co-operative insurance company. He went at length into the details of this proposition pointing out the experiences of other cities in co-operative insurance.

Mr. Ashdown desired to mention the importance of obtaining copies of applications for insurance in duplicate, and also of carefully reading over the policies when obtained.

After some further general discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Baird, Pilot Mound, Reed, Neepawa, Ross, Rapid City, Hamilton, Neepawa, and Hemenway, Carman, were appointed as the committee to co-operate with the Winnipeg board of trade.

Mr. Riley suggested that before the members of the committee left the city they should wait on the government and see if some legislation could not be obtained which would further the important object. This suggestion was adopted, a motion of Mr. Rollins instructing the committee to interview the government being adopted.

EXEMPTIONS.

The matters of excessive municipal assessment and the Manitoba Exemption Act next came up for discussion. Mr. Whitla spoke strongly against the system of assessment in this country contending that great injustice was being done to the business community by it.

As to the Exemption Act, Mr. Ashdown was afraid they would never succeed in getting the government to abolish it, but he thought perhaps they might succeed in getting it modified.

Mr. Steen denounced the Exemption Act and gave some pointers as to the reasons which led to the passage of the measure.

Mr. Hamilton did not think the Exemption Act was as iniquitous as some seemed to think. He thought the farmers in the country who might be unfortunate should have some protection. He thought the convention should not undertake to much lest they accomplish nothing. The retailers, he was afraid, would be antagonizing the farmers.

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Herbert, that this convention desires to bring before the notice of our legislators the anomaly in local taxation whereby the merchants' stock is taxed to its full value while the personal property of farmers and the capital of financial con-

cerns and other accumulated funds are exempt from taxation entirely, and this convention hereby appoints a committee to work in harmony with the Winnipeg board of trade in getting this anomalous state of affairs brought to an end. This motion was carried.

It was also resolved, "That the convention desires to express its decided disapproval of the exemptions from execution or seizure guaranteed to debtors in the act known as an act for the administration of justice, especially in so far as they take away the means of recovering by process of law of debts for goods actually necessary for household supplies, and the convention pledges its support to the Winnipeg board of trade in any efforts made by its members to have these exemptions abolished in connection with debts incurred for family necessities."

It was decided to endeavor to induce all retailers throughout Manitoba and the Territories to join the association, and form local associations to work in harmony with the general association. If this can be accomplished great good will result. It will aid in overcoming the local jealousies which unfortunately prevail among merchants in many communities, and which sometimes result in great injury to trade. If these jealousies can be overcome, a great deal will have been accomplished in the direction of placing trade on a better basis.

After the close of the convention, a number of the delegates were asked privately as to their opinion of the convention. Each and every one so spoken to expressed pleasure at the result of the meeting. The work accomplished had been fully up to their expectations, and all felt satisfied that great good would result from the meeting. The merchants now understood each other, and all were prepared to work together to bring about the necessary reforms. Altogether the feeling among the delegates seemed very hopeful, and they all go home imbued with the belief that the movement which has been inaugurated, will result in correcting the evils connected with the system of conducting business in this country.

After some discussion it was decided to hold the next convention during the month of September of this year, at the call of the president. If the proposed exhibition is held, the association will meet during exhibition week.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to the officers of the convention, to the railway companies and others, after which the convention was dismissed.

Fur Prices.

The following prices were realized at the January sale of the Hudson's Bay Company at London, England. Prices in shillings:

Beaver—Yorkport; firsts, large, 43½, small, 18½; wetted, 18 to 38; seconds, large, 37½, small, 16½; wetted, 15½ to 34½; thirds, large, 22, small, 9½; cubs, 4½, and kitts, 3½.

M. K. R., firsts, large, 40½, small, 18½; seconds, large, 35, small, 15½; thirds, large, 21, small, 9½; cubs, 5½.

M. R. & E. M., firsts, large, 46½, small, 23; seconds, large, 38½, small, 18½; thirds, large, 23½, small, 14, and cubs, 7.

F. G., firsts, large, 56½, small, 26½; seconds, large, 42, small, 22.

B., firsts, large, 42, small, 29½; seconds, large, 36½, small, 17½; thirds, large, 23½, small, 14.

N. W., firsts, large, 44½, small, 16; seconds,

large, 34, small, 14; thirds, large, 23½, small, 9½, and cubs, 5½.

Canada, firsts, large, 43, small, 22½; seconds, large, 36, small, 17; thirds, large, 22, small, 12½, and cubs, 6½.

Musquash—Prices given in pence: Yorkfort, firsts, 11; seconds, 9; thirds, 7½; fourths, 5, and kitts, 2½.

M. K. R., firsts, 9½; seconds, 8; thirds, 6½, and fourths, 4.

M. R., firsts, 12½; seconds, 9; thirds, 7½, and fourths, 5½.

E. M. and L. W. R., firsts, 13½; seconds, 10½; thirds, 8.

N. W., firsts, 9½; seconds, 8½; thirds, 6½; fourths, 4½.

Canada, firsts, 13½; seconds, 10½; thirds, 8½, fourths, 6, and kitts, 3½.—*Fur Trade Review.*

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on Wednesday, March 5:

	Mar.	April.	May.	On track
No. 1 hard.....	78½	78	80	70½-80
No. 1 northern.....	77½	77½	78	73½-75½
No. 2 northern.....	75½	75½	76	73½-77½

These prices were 1½ to 2c above those of a week ago.

FLOUR.

Patents, sacks, to local dealers.....	\$4 60 to \$4 65
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots.....	4 15 to 4 50
In barrels.....	4 25 to 4 50
Delivered at New England points.....	5 05 to 5 35
New York points.....	4 95 to 5 25
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore..	4 90 to 5 20
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Bran and shorts—These products moved out fairly at about \$7.50 for bran f.o.b. and at \$8.25 to \$8.75 for shorts.

Corn—The corn receipts were larger but offerings were not very free on track and holders mostly asked from 25c for fair mixed to 26c for No. 2 yellow with buyers about ¼c under for on track cars. Cars put f.o.b. and switched were held at 25½ to 26½c.

Oats—The offerings were fair in amount with holders asking 20 to 22c for the general run of samples on track. Nice seed lots held above.

Feed—Quoted at \$10 to \$10.50 on track; \$10.50 to \$11 f.o.b. and switched for billing out.

Hay—The hay market remained steady with wild quoted at about \$4.50 to \$6.50 for fair to choice cars, the latter mostly fine upland.

Apples—\$3 to \$4 per barrel.

Hides—Hides, green, per lb. 3½ to 4c; green, salted, per lb. 3½ to 6½c; sheep pelts, 25c to 2½.

Butter—Quotations range as follows: Creameries—strictly fancy, 20c; fair to good, 14 to 16c. Dairies—good to choice, 11 to 14c; medium to fair, 8 to 10c. Roll—good to choice, 7 to 8c; medium, 3 to 6c.

Eggs—Unsettled and weak, with large receipts. Quoted at 12 to 13c per dozen for fresh.

Potatoes—Car lots moving at 25 to 30c per bushel.

Dressed meats—Beef, 2 to 4c; mutton, 7 to 7½c; hogs, 4½ to 5½c; veal, 2 to 6c.

Live stock—Quoted: Corn or still-fed steers, \$2.75 to \$3.60; Dakota grass-fed steers, \$2.40 to \$3; stockers, \$2.10 to \$2.65; feeders, \$2.50 to \$3; cows, \$1.60 to \$2.65; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs. The hog market generally held firm: Heavy, \$3.75 to \$3.90; mixed and medium, \$3.75 to \$3.90; light, \$3.75 to \$3.90. The sheep market is reported firm, quotations being: Muttons, \$4.75 to \$5.25; feeders, \$14 to \$4.50; lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

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WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The 4th of March was a fairly heavy day with some local houses in the amount of paper maturing, but the returns were very poor. Very little was expected, and very little has been received. There has been no such a thing as an agreeable disappointment in the way paper was met. Very little paper was met in full, and on a good many notes upon which something was paid, the amount so paid was small in proportion to the face value of the note. This of course means many renewals. There is no disguising the fact that the situation is very close financially, and with little hope of much improvement until another harvest is gathered. In the meantime a good deal of forbearance will be exercised all around, in the hope that the trade, will profit by recent experiences, and endeavor to reform the present system of doing business as early as practical.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The convention of retail dealers which took place in this city last week, was the leading feature in trade circles. The city was full of merchants from all over the country, and it might have been expected that considerable buying would have been done as a consequence. Such, however, does not appear to have been the case. The merchants did not come in to buy, and as a matter of fact they bought little or nothing while in the city. A number of wholesale dealers report that the presence of so many merchants in the city made no difference whatever upon their business. Others report having received a few small orders from merchants in the city, but nothing to signify. This would indicate that buying is being conducted in a very careful manner this year. Of course retailers have all ordered their spring stocks some time ago, and it is too early in the season to look for sorting business. Still, with so many retail dealers in the city, considerable buying would be looked for at any season of the year, were it not for the general disposition to cut down obligations. No fault can be found with this disposition; but it is rather to be commended. A hundred loss from buying too much, where one loses from buying too little.

DRUGS.

Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75. English camphor, 75 to 80c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$7 to \$9; bicarb soda, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4 50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Lake Winnipeg fish were offering more freely on the market, where white were held at 4½ and pickerel at 3½c. In Lake Winnipeg fresh fish the following varieties are obtainable, and jobbing at the prices noted: Whitefish, 5c per pound, jackfish, 3c. Fresh salt water fish are quoted: Salmon, 15c; cod, 8c; haddock, 10c per pound; herrings, 30c per dozen; mackereel, \$4.80 per dozen; smelts, 12½c per pound; tommy cods, 8c per pound; lobsters, 20c per pound; crabs, \$1 per dozen. Fresh brook trout, 25c per pound. Smoked finnan

haddies, 7½c per pound; smoked Yarmouth bloaters, \$1.50 per box; smoked goldeys, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, in 100 pound kegs, 5c per pound. Oysters: \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2 for selects. Can oysters are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Apples are firm. Stocks are well in hand, and dealers are talking of obtaining advances as soon as a freer movement sets in. Prices are: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6; 300 count, \$6.50 per box; Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75; California seedling oranges, \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$6 box; Valencia oranges, large cases, \$3.50 case; southern apples, \$1.00 to \$1.25, choice eastern Canada apples, \$1.50 per barrel; California pears, \$4.00 per box; Almorla grapes, \$11.00 to \$12.50 per large keg for choice; Spanish onions, \$1 to \$1.25 crate; comb honey 22c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per lb; C noble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; coconuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Locally the market has been quiet and prices steady. Sugars continue firm in the east, and refiners have made a small fractional advance in prices. The Canners' association decided at its Toronto meeting not to make any change in prices of canned goods. They claim that stocks are light at all points, and that all will be required. Those who expected some decline in prices as a result of the Canner's meeting, are therefore disappointed, and the feeling is slightly firmer in consequence. Coffees are firm. Prices here are as follows:—Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 6¾c, as to quality; granulated, 8¾c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 22 to 23c; Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 65c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Torrier, \$30 per 1000. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HIDES.

Very little movement and receipts light. Good country frozen hides bring 3c per pound, and a little better will be paid for fresh butchers, but hardly any offering. Some calf are now coming in and worth 4 to 5c per pound for 8 to 13 pound skins. Small deacon skins, 20c each, if not cut or damaged. Sheepskins, 65 to 75c each for full wool. Tallow, 2½c for rough and 4½c rendered.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for

plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffo, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Prices unchanged and quotations are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 80c per gal; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 72c; boiled 75c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.25 to 2.30.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

Prices in this branch are given as follows:—Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Rohia brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., \$4 50; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$10.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.50.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat was considerably stronger on some days last week, in leading markets, due to cold weather throughout the winter wheat states. Whether any great damage has been done to the growing wheat, however has apparently not yet been determined. At any rate the markets did not hold the advances firmly, and prices were relaxed on some days. Reports of damage to the wheat crop from cold weather were also coming in from Europe. A decrease of 621,563 bushels in the visible supply was reported on Monday, making the total 23,996,373 bushels. The total available supply (visible and on passage) is now 51,924,373 bushels against 52,256,075 bushels a year ago, 53,036,274 bushels two years ago and 78,101,594 three years ago.

Locally the situation is dead. From 65 to 70c per bushel will about cover the range of prices paid in Manitoba country markets for good samples. These prices are little more than nominal, as there is scarcely any movement and nothing looked for until after seeding, when any balance which remains in farmers' hands will be marketed.

FLOUR.

Steady and unchanged. Quotations are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers, \$2.35 second; bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.25; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, 2.35; middlings, \$2.60 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Bran is quoted at \$13 and shorts at \$14 per ton. Ground feed is unchanged at \$20 per ton for ground corn and oats, at which price small lots are selling to the trade.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Quiet and unchanged. Prices are now quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.30; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.50 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.40. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

Moving slowly. Ground feed is taking the place of oats very largely for feed. As much ground feed is now handled in a day or so as was formerly sold in a week, while the call for oats has proportionately increased. Seed oats are mostly wanted. Choice seed oats are held in 50 to 100 bushel lots at 48 to 50c per bushel, and on track at 45 to 47c. Ordinary feed oats are quoted on track at about 42c per bushel, with smaller lots from store held at 45c.

BUTTER.

The market remains very dull and no sales of any consequence have been learned of. Only a very light jobbing trade is doing, sales usually only amounting to from one to a few packages. 16c has been about the highest price realized for sales in this way, but this is now an outside quotation. Sales are made at 14 and 15c per pound for good dairy, with common and medium going at 10 to 12c. The bulk of sales appear to be made at about 14c. Some new rolls are occasionally offered, and these bring 15 to 16c. The quotations given for dairy tubs cannot be taken as a guide to the value of butter in quantities. Only a very limited quantity can be disposed of at the prices given, to the local trade only. Large lots of butter, if they are to be got rid of at all, will have to be disposed of at much lower prices for shipment. There seems, however, to be no move made to ship out surplus stock, which is decreasing in value every day. Eastern markets are now being supplied with considerable new butter, the winter having been very mild east, and at this late date it would be rather risky to ship our last year's butter east, unless it could be bought up at very low prices. Eastern markets are quoted very dull, and while there is some demand for choice at fair prices, common and medium grades are merely normal, there being no sales of such qualities. Fairly good stock is offering at Toronto at about 10 or 11c per pound. The bulk of our last year's butter would now grade only common to medium, and a very small portion would grade fair to good in eastern markets, where there is more strict regard to quality than here. It can therefore be seen that the balance of stocks held here will have to be moved out at low prices, if it is to go at all, and the sooner the better. Taking stocks all around, poor and good, it is doubtful if it could be handled at over 8 cents for shipment.

CHEESE.

Steady and slow at 14c per pound in jobbing lots.

LARD.

Lard is unchanged and is still held in 20 lb. pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are quoted as follows: Long clear dry salt bacon, 8½c; spiced rolls, 10 to 10½c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 12½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Poultry continues scarce. Chickens are in best demand, and would bring 10c for choice. Turkeys would be taken at 14c, and ducks and geese at 12c. Jobbing prices are from 1 to 2c per pound higher than these quotations, but hardly any obtainable.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are steady at 80c per bushel for lots sold from store offerings on the market by farmers have brought 75 to 80c. Prices are expected to be easier when the weather gets

warmer, as there will be less risk and cost in handling shipments. Onions were nearly out of the market, and new importations are quoted 1c per pound higher. Quotations are as follows:—Carrots, \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions 4c per pound, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred pounds; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate; southern red, do, \$1 per 100 pounds.

HAY.

There has been an easier feeling in hay, due to large shipments from the south. Prices are 50c to \$1 per ton lower. Car loads on track were being turned over by dealers at \$12 to \$13 per ton, for pressed. There is considerable demand from country points, but freight rates make the price rather steep for shipment to country points. The freight rate on hay has been reduced 6c per 100 pounds. The rate from St. Paul or Minneapolis is now 21 cents per 100 pounds, against the old rate of 27 cents.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef is dull and unchanged and very little offered or wanted, as butchers are well supplied with frozen meat. Frozen beef nominal at about 5 to 5½c for good to choice. Hogs bring 6c, and few now offering, all being taken by butchers.

EGGS.

Unchanged at 22c per dozen, but the feeling easier, and if the mild weather holds out may be lower.

Montreal Stock Market.

following were quotations of leading stocks at Montreal on Friday:

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.
Bank of Montreal.....	229½	225
Ontario.....	122	115
Molson's.....	164	160
Toronto.....	218	213
Merchants.....	143½	142
Union.....	96	90
Commerce.....	124½	124
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel.....	94½	94
Rich. & Ont. Nav.....	58	56½
City Pass. Ry.....	199	195
Montreal Gas.....	210½	210
Canada N. W. Land Co.....	83	80
C. P. R. (Montreal).....	73½	73½
C. P. R. (London).....	—	75
Money—Time.....	7	—
Money—On call.....	6	—

High Rubber Prices.

A New York telegram says: The rubber men at first decided to advance the prices of rubber goods ten per cent, but it is now stated that they afterwards resolved to make 15 per cent advance, as later advices show the shortage of the crop of crude rubber to be much greater than was supposed.

Cold Weather South.

The coldest weather of the winter throughout the south and east has been experienced during the first few days of this month. The winter up to the first of March has been very mild through the south, and crops were as far ahead in February as they should have been in April. On this account a great deal of alarm has been felt lest a cold spell might set in, as owing to the advanced nature of the crops, a turn of frosty weather would do great damage. The cold wave came as feared, the temperature going below freezing all over the south on March 2nd. The degree of cold is reported to have been severe even for mid winter. The fruit crop of Florida is reported to be "badly damaged, and will probably be a total loss in some sections." A telegram from Savannah, Georgia, says:

"The first hard freeze of the winter occurred on March 2. Ice formed and vegetation was killed. The damage to truck crops can not be estimated yet. Light snows fell in the forenoon, the first for many years."

What damage has been done to winter wheat cannot yet be determined. Prime wires that the winter wheat crop has been seriously injured by the recent cold weather. Other reports are of a contradictory nature, and it will require a spell of warm weather to decide the matter. That some damage has been done to wheat is generally conceded, as the wheat is jointed and susceptible to injury from frost.

In Manitoba the coldest week of the winter was also experienced about the same time, but fortunately our crops were not sufficiently advanced to receive any damage from Jack Frost. Again the superiority of Manitoba over the south is shown.

Cutting Off Quotations.

At a special meeting of the Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Board of Trade of the city of Chicago, at its annual meeting held on the 13th day of January, 1890, passed a resolution that the directors be authorized at their discretion to discontinue the department of market reports; be it

Resolved, That after the 31st day of March, 1890, the department of market reports be discontinued and said department abolished; that after that date the collection and furnishing of market reports and quotations be entirely discontinued, and that the Board on that day abandon entirely the business of collecting and furnishing such market reports and quotations.

This means that after the end of the present month, official market quotations from the Chicago Board of Trade will not be obtainable.

A CABLE from London on Saturday says: "The Manitoba and Northwest Land corporation issued a prospectus to-day inviting applications for one hundred thousand shares at one pound each. The object of the corporation is to acquire from the Manitoba & Northwestern railway the land grants made and to be made by the Dominion Government for building the line. Duncan MacArthur, Winnipeg, is the only Canadian member of the board."

Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, western agents for A. W. Morris & Bros., manufacturers of binder twines, bags, etc., Montreal, have received word that the Montreal works will be put in operation again at once. Messrs. Morris & Bro. have made a satisfactory arrangement of their recent trouble, which it is understood includes the payment in full of all liabilities, the offer of the firm having been accepted.

The Badger Mining Company, Port Arthur, has declared a dividend, payable March 6th, of 25 cents per share on 50,000 shares or \$12,500 equal to five per cent. on its capitalization of \$250,000. This is the second dividend paid this year, the last being ten per cent. on January 15th.

The firm of Grant & Horn, produce and commission merchants, Winnipeg, has been somewhat changed in style by the admission of Mr. Bucknall into partnership. Hereafter the firm name will be Grant, Horn and Bucknall.

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Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, March 3, wheat had a considerably stronger tone. Opening prices were at about Saturday's closing figures. May wheat opened at 78½c, and ranged from 78¼ to 79½c. Cold weather throughout the winter wheat states was the main cause in influencing the strong feeling. The temperature ranged down as low as zero, and with the very advanced state of the crop, serious damage is feared. Closing prices for futures were:

	March	May	June	July
Wheat.....	—	79½	79	77½
Coru	29½	30	30½	30½
Oats	20½	21½	21	20½
Pork	9.95	10.10	10.15	10.20
Lard	5.87½	6.00	6.05	6.12½
Short Ribs.....	4.87½	4.95	4.97½	5.05

May wheat opened at 79½c on Tuesday, and ranged from 79½ to 80½c, thus indicating a wider range of prices. Closing prices were as follows:

	March	May	June	July
Wheat.....	78½	79½	79½	77½
Coru	29	29½	29½	30½
Oats	20½	21½	20½	20½
Pork	9.85	10.10	10.15	10.2½
Lard	5.90	6.00	6.07½	6.12½
Short Ribs.....	4.90	4.92½	4.97½	5.02½

Wheat closed ½ to 1c lower on Wednesday. Provisions were 5 to 7½c lower. Closing prices for wheat were: March, 77½c; May, 78½c; June, 78½c; July, 76½c.

Closing prices for wheat on Thursday were: March, 78c; May, 78½c; June, 78½c; July, 76½c.

Closing prices for wheat on Friday were: March, 77½c; May, 78½c; June, 77½c; July, 76½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Prices of No. 1 hard wheat at Duluth closed as follows on Friday last: March, 78½c, May, 82½c.

The London Fur Sales.

P. R. Poland & Son have issued the following report of the sales of raw furs at London in January:

The winter of 1899-90 has not been propitious for the fur trade; most countries have, with the exception of Austria, experienced mild weather with but little or no snow or very little frost; the majority of articles consequently found only a moderate sale at the high prices of last winter and spring. As was then stated, some articles did not warrant those extreme prices, and the result of the exorbitant advances now shows itself in large unsold stocks and a general fall in values at these sales. The quantities of American furs offered were, with the exception of lynx, marten and beaver, very large for January. Bears not being offered at all this time last year.

The fact of Messrs. Lampson advertising four sales in the year, viz.:—in January, March, June and October, is considered to operate to the disadvantage of large buyers, whilst encouraging small purchasers to replenish themselves from time to time, as their necessities require. This may succeed when the retail trade is flourishing, but shippers will, sooner or later, have to depend upon larger operators who cannot be expected to buy freely when there are frequent sales and continual fluctuations in prices.

The experiment of the October sales was made last year on a small scale for the first

time, and the result was a failure, and did but occasion a great drop in prices of the two articles offered (Russian sable and bears).

Australian furs now form a great feature in the fur trade; 3,000,000 of opossums were offered last year by various brokers, and the present year has commenced with 1,500,000 now in January.

The attendance at these auctions was tolerably large, including many buyers for Germany and some few for France, the English trade being but moderately represented. As remarked above, there is a falling off in prices in most articles; beaver was expected to be much cheaper, but everyone seemed to want a few, and thus competition made the decline moderate.

Beaver—In the Hudson's Bay Company's sale (71,572 against 68,700 last January) declined five per cent. upon the prices of firsts and seconds, and ten per cent. upon the thirds; bought for Germany, France and England.

In Messrs. Lampson's sale of beaver, (10,165; also a short supply) was a fair collection of Alaska, Canada and some few Columbia, with one parcel of fine Labrador sorts. Prices were about ten per cent. lower in this sale than last January; also taken principally for the Continent.

Musquash—In the Hudson's Bay Company's sale (316,286, and 100,000 more than last year), sold at a decline of fifteen per cent. on an average; mostly purchased for Germany; here and there a few for France and England.

In Messrs. Lampson's sale of brown musquash, (1,022,508 against 625,000 last January) the collection was on the whole, a nice one, including many parcels of good description Canada and good Western, a few Eastern and several strings of Minnesota. In this auction the article brought last June prices, being purchased by German, French and English traders; a few probably go to Russia. Black (9,220). This small quantity of not very good skins sold at about last June prices, for the German and Russian trades.

Rabbit—In the Hudson's Bay Company's sale (94,150) sold at a very great reduction; but at Messrs. Lampson's 22 bales realized double the prices of the company's sale.

LAMPSON & Co's SALES.

Marten (15,457 and 7,000 less than last January). Taken altogether, were a fair show, comprising some good Alaska and Peace River skins, with, however, some Canada and poor sorts. Dark skins and those with color are 40 to 50 per cent. cheaper, pale and other sorts 20 per cent. less. Only a small quantity were taken for England; many low priced for the German market. Three parcels were bought in.

Lynx—(1,064 about 2,000 less than last January). A small lot of Alaska, Northwest and Columbia skins; are 20 per cent. cheaper except large good Alaska. Purchased for the American and a few for the German markets.

Cat, common—(737 and 600 short of last January). A poor show: Firsts and seconds realized last sale figures, but thirds brought lower prices. German houses were the purchasers.

Cat, house—(1,968.) Black are 20 per cent. dearer, whilst others remain at about last sale prices. Purchased for Germany, and the few black for England.

Badger—(2,350) were mostly poor skins with very few fine. Declined 20 per cent. and were bought for the French and German trades.

Groy Fox—(6313), also a very poor collection, selling 5 to 10 per cent. cheaper still than the low figures of last year.

Wolf (7,910 and 6,000 in excess of last January). With the exception of here and there a few small lots of good timber wolves and some large Columbia, &c., the bulk consisted of coarse haired, poor, western and southern skins, and were sorted into miserably small lots. The greater part was bought in, but those sold are 20 per cent. less in price. Purchased for the London market, whilst a few go to France.

Bear, Black (1,422). A poor gathering, presenting only a few good skins; were secured for England, with a few for France; a reduction was shown upon last June rates.

Bear, Brown (113). Very few and poor, and realized lower figures than in June.

Bear, Grizzly (1,501). Principally Asiatic skins with some Columbia and Russian. A decline is to be quoted upon June prices of about 20 per cent. Taken chiefly for London and Paris.

American Opossum (168,190, and 100,000 more than last January). A large collection. Sold at a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent on last June prices; Firsts are perhaps not so much in decline. Bought for England, France and Germany.

Raccoon (189,394, also 30,000 in excess of last year). Chiefly South Western and New Madrid sorts; a few parcels also of fine north western. Germany is the chief buyer, some being purchased for France, very few for England. Prices are about the same as last June, that is, about 20 per cent. cheaper than last January, southwest skins even cheaper.

Skunk (178,861, and about 30,000 in excess of last year). A great part consisted of stale western and southwestern skins, but there were also about eight parcels of fresh and better descriptions. The bulk of this article goes to Germany, but France and England take a fair share. The fall upon this article is very slight, bringing chiefly June prices; stale and common skins are about 10 per cent. cheaper.

White fox (4,534, against 2,300 last January). A good parcel of Alaska and Sitka skins. Generally secured by Leipzig dyers at a reduction of 25 per cent.

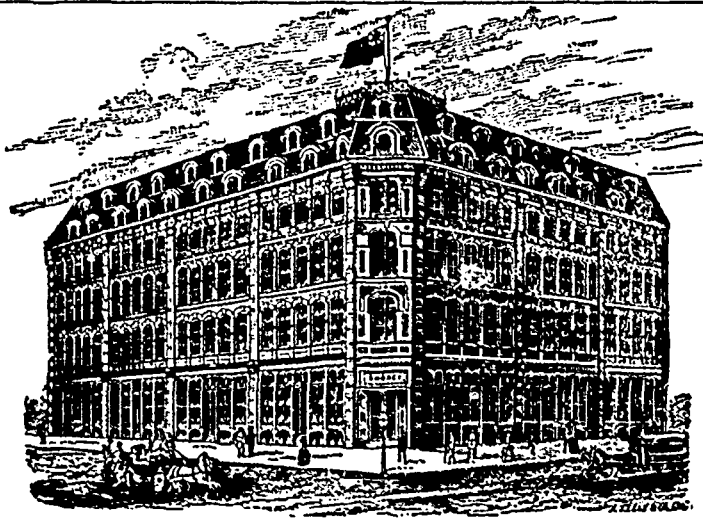
Mink (119,510, compared with 67,400 last January). This collection consisted of two parcels of Alaska and Sitka skins, and out of assorted lots of Hudson Bay Company's York fort seconds, also some fine eastern and Northern, but still a great many southwestern and coarse sorts. Taken at a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent, nearly all for the German market.

Hair Seal, dry (7,052). Large skins are about 25 per cent. cheaper; the middling and small, last sale prices. The latter were nearly all bought for the German trade.

Fur Seal, salted. Messrs. Lampson offered 11,098 northwest coast; a fair collection, which brought the same high prices as last October. Small skins perhaps a little dearer still.

The council of the board of trade of Hamilton, Ont., will memorialize the Dominion Government to grant a subsidy to the Nipissing and James Bay Railway Co. and has appointed a deputation to go to Ottawa and act in conjunction with other deputations who go on the same errand. The council also recommended the establishment of a two cent postage rate and commend the action now being taken by other like bodies who are agitating for the change.

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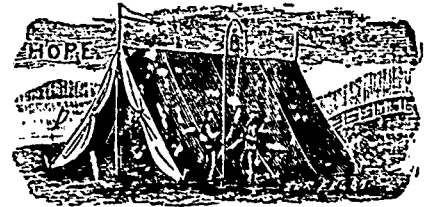
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ONTARIO.

D. I. Lyons, Belleville, tailor, has assigned.
 A. Sinc, fancy goods, Kingston, has assigned.
 W. T. Bunnell, fruits, Ottawa, has assigned.
 E. Cross, grocer, etc., Colpoys Bay, is dead.
 Mrs. J. Naylor, dry goods, Hamilton, is away.
 John Tighe, grocer, Pembroke, has assigned.
 Wm. Austin, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
 Nelson McGarvin, drugs, Acton, has assigned.
 Pequegnat Bros., jewelers, Paris, have sold out.
 W. Johnston, confectioner, Rodney, has sold out.
 R. A. Smith, grocer, etc., Newmarket, is dead.
 Wm. Nickle, steamers, etc., Kingston, is dead.
 S. M. Fry, general store, Brantford, has assigned.
 Brootch & Weaver, shoes, Toronto, have assigned.
 Godson & Co., dry goods, Trenton, have assigned.
 McCready & Co., tailors, Trenton, have assigned.
 T. Riley, grocer, Toronto, offering 35 in the dollar.
 McCraney & Wilson, lumber, Toronto, have assigned.
 J. A. Brien, grocer, etc., Ridgetown, has sold out.
 Gribbon & Son, general store, Beaverton, have assigned.
 Chas. Champion, hardware, Brantford, has assigned.
 C. L. Casselman, druggist, Chesterville, has assigned.
 F. E. Jackson, harness, Tilbury Centre, has assigned.
 Dumpius & Nolin, dry goods, Ottawa, have assigned.
 W. F. Baker, flour and feed, Kingston, has sold out.
 John Flanagan, general store, Claudeboye, has assigned.
 D. H. Minaker & Co., merchants, Cobourg, has assigned.
 R. McMillan, fruits and confectionary, Galt, has sold out.
 R. H. Haney, produce, Hamilton, is offering a compromise.
 F. W. Singleton, hardware, Delta. Offering 30c in the dollar.
 John Goodison, agricultural implements, Sarnia, has sold out.
 Pequegnat Bros., jewelers, Berlin and Waterloo, have dissolved.
 Paul P. Smith, tins, Port Dalhousie has been sold out by sheriff.
 Joseph Strong, general store, Princeton, is moving to Hamilton.
 Tough & Hendry, general store, Grand Valley, have assigned.
 G. F. Spackman, general store, Thamesville, is closing up business.
 S. F. Bingham & Co., general store, Oxford Mills, is in difficulty.
 Kern & Bundy, general store, Linwood and Heslin, have sold out.
 M. E. Griffin & Co., general store, Dunville, is asking an extension.
 William Rannio, groceries and dry goods, Caledonia has sold out.
 J. Fox, shoes and clothing, has called a meeting of his creditors.

T. B. May, harness, Aylmer, has assigned.
 M. E. & E. Griffin, general store, Dunville, are asking for extension.
 Cotterill Bros., florists, Deer Park; S. Cotterill, of this firm, is dead.
 G. E. Fraser, dry goods, etc., Picton, has called a meeting of creditors.
 W. H. Rowland, manufacturing jeweler, London, is giving up business.
 Scarsbrook & King, general store, Petrolia, style now Scarsbrook & Palmer.
 J. F. Sutherland, lumber and builder, Mt. Bridges, has sustained loss by fire.
 Wilson & Flaherty, lead smelting works, Hamilton, have had a meeting of creditors called.
 Estate of D. W. Newcombe, general store, Yarmouth Centre, was sold out to Wm. Newcombe.
 Young, Andrews & Co., commission, produce, etc., Toronto, have dissolved; style now J. F. Young & Co.
 Hemstreet & Price, general store, Aylmer, have dissolved; R. H. Hemstreet continues the business alone.
 Patteron & Jolley, wagons, etc., London, have dissolved; the business will be continued by Jolley under the same style.
 The following were burnt out at Highgate, Edward Risk, general store; Crosby & Risk, hardware; William Risk, general store; A. Paterson, hotel; Mrs. Whitlock, shoes.

QUEBEC.

Bichards & Sons, tailors, Montreal, have dissolved.
 J. C. Campbell, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
 J. Griffith, general store, Carmel Hill, has assigned.
 N. Theroux, grocer, etc., St. David, has assigned.
 The Montreal Brewing Co., Montreal, have dissolved.
 Lesage & Roy, dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Joseph Langelier, hats and furs, Sherbrooke, has assigned.
 T. Alain, cardboard manufacturer, Montreal, has assigned.
 W. Farquharson, tailor, Montreal, is offering a compromise.
 J. Hennault & Co., hardware, Montreal, have assigned.
 E. Chanteloup, manufactur lamps, &c., Montreal, is dead.
 M. Matheson, general store, Lake Megantic, is offering compromise.
 T. F. G. Foisy & Co., machines, pianos, &c., Montreal, have dissolved.
 F. Pagels & Co., manufacturers of cigars, Montreal, have assigned.
 J. A. Leduc, general store, St. Timothee; meeting of creditors called.
 Marlow & Mendal, manufacturers of hats, and caps, Montreal, have dissolved.
 N. Michaels, tobacco, etc., Montreal, has had his stock damaged by fire and water.
 Joseph Leduc & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have changed style to Dme. J. Leduc.
 Durocher E. & Z., manufacturing threshing machines, Therville—meeting of creditors.
 J. T. Dunn, kid gloves, Montreal, has had his stock partially damaged by fire and water.
 American Jersey and Cloak Factory, Montreal; Max Hearman has ceased doing business under this style, and G. Lewis, and S. Abrahams register under same style.

— Reoves, gents' furnishings, Montreal, has had his stock partly damaged by fire and water.
 Tetrault & St. Amour, tobacco, Montreal; D. St. Amour has ceased doing business under this style.
 Henderson Manufacturing Co., confectioners, Montreal, D. H. Henderson has ceased doing business under this style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

John Gullivan, hardware, Middleton, is dead.
 Duncan Cameron, general store, Craignish, has assigned.
 H. G. & F. A. Marr, Millinery, Halifax, have dissolved.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

F. D. Cormier, trader, Buctouche, has assigned.
 Donald Morrison, general store and fish, Newcastle, is offering 30c on the dollar
 Lockwood & McKenny, corn mill, St. John, have had their stock seized under the absconding debtors' act.

Lumber Cuttings.

W. P. Sayward, Victoria, B.C., is enlarging his saw mills to 75,000 to 100,000 feet capacity daily, and he will ask the city council for a bonus.
 Losee & Morrison have completed arrangements for the purchase of the machinery for a mill having a capacity of 40,000 feet daily which they will erect at Shawnigan Lake, Vancouver Island.
 John Cameron, of Minnedosa, says the snow is about two feet deep in the spruce woods north of that place. He thinks he will be able to bring down logs enough to Minnedosa to make a cut of 300,000 feet of lumber besides what he will saw on his limit in the mountains.
 Port Arthur *Sentinel*: Graham, Horns & Co's lumber output during the past year approached very closely upon 5,000,000 feet. The firm has a large force of men in the woods around Vermillion Bay this winter getting out logs for next season's operations up there, and what with their ever increasing business on Thunder Bay, they expect to do a still better business this year.
 G. F. Slater, of the Vancouver Shingle Mill, Vancouver, B.C., has given his mill a thorough overhauling, preparatory to commencing the season's operations. The mill can now turn out 75,000 dimension shingles per day, of any width from four to twelve inches. A circular recently issued by the proprietor says: "It is now a well demonstrated fact that there is no timber on this continent as good as British Columbia cedar for the manufacture of shingles. There are well authenticated cases of these shingles lasting thirty years in the wet climate of this coast, forming a perfect protection to the roof at the end of that time. It is believed they will easily last a generation in an ordinarily dry climate. Perhaps their strongest point is that they are perfectly adapted to extreme heat and cold. They always lie flat on the roof, and will not curl or twist as other shingles. This being one of the essential points in a shingle, it should at once commend them to all who want a perfect shingle."
 The Toronto *Globe* recently had a full page of the methods by which J. C. Rykert, M.P., was instrumental in securing a cool \$200,000 out of Louis Sands, the millionaire lumberman,

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of Manistee, Michigan. Rykert was a conservative candidate for deputy speaker of the Dominion House of Commons. Sir John Macdonald was notified that, if Rykert's candidacy was pushed, a certain lumber deal which reflected upon the candidate's integrity would be exposed. Rykert was withdrawn, but the *Globe* prints the spicy details. Rykert secured a large grant of land in the Cypress Hills district, Assiniboia. It was offered to Sands through a Winnipeg man for \$200,000 on the representation that it would cut 100,000,000 feet of pine. Sands sent a Manistee surveyor to look over the tract and he reported that the facts were as stated by Rykert's representative. After purchasing and paying for the tract, \$100,000 in cash and \$100,000 in notes that were at once negotiated, Sands found that the Canadian Pacific road claimed one-half the grant. Rykert used all his influence to have the Canadian Pacific railroad claims removed, but was unsuccessful, and Sands had to pay \$4,680 to release the railroad claim. The following extract from an affidavit shows how effectually Sands was duped: "Upon the completion of said purchase he (Sands) purchased a saw mill, and at once transferred it, with equipment, to the said limit at a cost of \$40,000, and upon the arrival of said mill he discovered for the first time that the said limit was not at all as represented; that instead of being 100,000,000 feet of good lumber there was not timber enough to make 20,000,000 feet of lumber, and that said timber was small stuff and would cost more to manufacture than it can be sold for in that part of the country. After purchasing the said limit he found that the Canadian Pacific railway company was entitled to every odd section of said limit, which comprised one-half of the whole limit; he then was compelled to pay an additional sum of \$4,680 to the Canadian Pacific railway company before he could do anything thereon. That the license for said timber limit was in the names of Joseph

Benjamin McCarthur and John Charles Rykert, and by them assigned to him, the said Louis Sands, on the 21st day of December, 1884."

More Protection Wanted.

The boot and shoe manufacturers went the tariff on goods in their line increased. A deputation of shoe manufacturers waited upon the minister of customs recently asking for an increase of ten per cent. in the duty on imported boots and shoes. A petition signed by over forty members, represented that the duty on material at present amounts to about 22 per cent. of the cost of a shoe, leaving only a margin of 3 per cent. protection against foreign competition. The *Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal* states the case for the shoe manufacturers as follows:—

The present tariff which stipulates an impost of 25 per cent. on manufactured leather goods, is supposed to be sufficient to protect the manufacturing interests in this particular line against foreign competition. In the case of coarse grade shoes, the material of which is largely produced in this country, the end is fairly accomplished, and no effect is felt of competition from outside sources even of the most dangerous character—slaughtered stocks. With fine goods the case is somewhat different. The whole of the material in many cases has to be brought into this country at increased expense and subject to heavy duties. The finer grades of leather linings, trimmings and findings have all to be imported in order to produce a shoe equal in style to the better United States shoe. With the facilities afforded by a system of specialty manufacturing, such as that in vogue in the United States, and the accessibility of supplies, any little difference in favor of the Canadian maker caused by the tariff is more than made up. Canadian manufacturers are further handicapped by a lack of national sentiment, or rather a false impression, that

foreign made goods are superior to the product of home manufacture. The larger portion of imported goods has its foundation in the spirit to which we refer. Fully one-third of the \$300,000 worth of United States shoes imported last year is thus accounted for.

This is the old story of protection over again. More protection is always the cry, and will continue to be so long as the system is tolerated. The fact of protective duties being placed on some articles induces demands for further protection in other directions. The boot and shoe manufacturers demand further protection, because they are obliged to pay "heavy duties upon material which they import for the manufacture of boots and shoes." Thus the placing of a duty upon one article leads to demands for increased duties on other articles.

General Notes.

The Mennonite settlers in Manitoba are slowly but surely adopting the manners and customs of the country. The *Mordon Monitor* speaking of Mennonites says: "One by one the Mennonite villages, established some years ago by the pioneers in Manitoba, are fast disappearing. This is an evidence that the Mennonites of future generations will become merged into the population, and the language and customs which they brought with them from over the sea will eventually disappear. The pretty village of Hoffnungsfeld, probably the finest in this part of the country, is to be broken up this spring; the owners of the houses will remove them on to their farms, and it will not be many years before a Mennonite village will become a curiosity."

A. H. McINTYRE has closed his jewellery business at Neepawa, Man., and W. H. Gossel, who has been in charge for the last three years, is opening on his own account.

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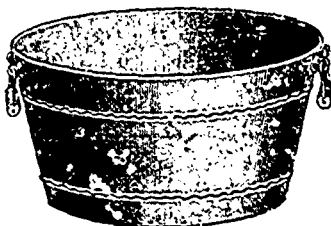
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British Columbia Enterprise.

The following are some of the private bills which are before the British Columbia Legislature this session: A bill to incorporate John Hendry, David McNair, C. M. Beecher, William Norman Bole, David Oppenheimer, Campbell Sweeney and Richard H. Alexander, with such as may become shareholders, under the name of "The British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company." The capital of the company shall be \$2,500,000, divided into 25,000 shares of \$100 each. Its object is to acquire the properties of the Royal City and Hastings sawmills companies, and to purchase, build and maintain mills, factories, machine shops of any description, to own steam vessels, railways, tramways, wharves, ferries, to collect towage, construct roads, acquire mines of any kind and carry on a general trading business. The head office shall be at Vancouver or at any other place decided upon.

A bill to incorporate Francis C. Cotton, Joseph Page and John Wilson a body corporate and politic by the name of the "News-Advertiser." The capital stock of the company shall be \$250,000. It may print and sell newspapers, periodicals and books, and carry on all business incidental thereto.

A bill to incorporate the Vancouver Street Railway Company and the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company as one company to carry the business for which each company was incorporated to carry on separately.

A bill to incorporate James W. Horns, Chas. Hay, David H. Wilson, Robert W. Harris, David Anderson and John Wilson, of Vancouver, asking incorporation as the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company. The capital stock of the company will be \$500,000 object to effect insurance against fire and lightning.

A bill to incorporate the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, petitioners, Benjamin Douglas David Oppenheimer and Henry V. Edmonds, purpose, to construct and operate a tramway between New Westminster and Vancouver, capital \$500,000.

A bill to incorporate Isaac Robinson, of London; Chas. D. Rand, and James Whetham, of Vancouver, as the Columbia and Carbonate Railway Company. The capital stock is to be \$500,000. Object, to construct and maintain a line of railway from some point on Columbia river, about seventeen miles up the said river and in an easterly direction from Golden, thence in a southwesterly direction to some point on the head waters of the middle fork of the Spallumcheen river, and some point at the junction of the Copper creek, thence to a point on the head waters of Copper creek.

A bill to incorporate Thomas R. McInnes, Senator and Arthur M. Herring, chemist, as the New Westminster Electric Light and Motor Power Company; capital stock \$100,000.

A bill to incorporate Harry Abbott, John M. Browning, and William F. Salisbury, of Vancouver, as the "Columbia & Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company, with a capital stock one million dollars; object, to construct a line of railway from the outlet of Kootenay lake, through or by the Selkirk range, to some point on Columbia river, at or near the junction of the Kootenay and Columbia rivers, and also for the purpose of building, equipping and maintaining a line of steamers on the Kootenay lake and Columbia river.

A bill to incorporate Benjamin Douglas, Henry V. Edmonds and Samuel McIntosh, as

the New Westminster Street Railway Company; capital stock \$250,000, object, to operate street cars in the city of New Westminster.

British Columbia.

Price, O'Leary and Gardner, intend starting a cannery at Gardiner's Inlet.

James Harver, lately in the general store business at Nanaimo, died at Pasadena, Cal., recently.

Hobson & Co., canners, contemplate erecting several canneries this season, one on the Fraser, two on Bute Inlet and one further up the coast.

The pork packing industry lately established at Enderby by Knight & Shaw is competing in the markets with eastern and imported goods for the trade in cured meats.

W. H. Vianen has entered into a contract with C. J. Lindenberger to ship a large quantity of fresh salmon during the coming season to a fish dealing firm in Hamburg, Germany.

The Spokane Falls & Northern Railway is applying for a charter to continue its line into the Kootenay country, a rich mineral district of the province. A good deal of local opposition, however, is developing against allowing this road to come in, as it is claimed it will divert the trade of the district southward into the United States. Some people evidently think that it is better to have the country remain undeveloped than to lose a portion of a prospective trade.

The Vancouver News speaks of the proposed canning industry as follows: "It is always a matter of satisfaction to record a step towards the utilisation of the natural resources of the province. In the past many thousands of dollars have been sent out of British Columbia for articles of consumption, which with ordinary enterprise could be produced here, thus keeping large sums of money in circulation in the province, giving employment to our own people instead of to those of a foreign land, and enriching the whole community. An enterprise that will be in this direction, and that under judicious management should attain to large proportions, is about being started in this city under the style of the British Columbia Fruit Canning & Coffee Company. Its objects are the preserving, canning and evaporating fruit; manufacturing extracts, cordials, vinegar, pickles and sauces, and the roasting, grinding and packing of coffee and spices. The factory will be situated on lots 35 and 36, block 85, Homer Street, will be two storeys in height and ready for occupation in the course of this month. The motive power will be furnished by a Pelton water motor, while the machinery is on its way from New York. The copper utensils for preserving and evaporating are being shipped from England and the factory in all its departments will be ready so as to deal with the different varieties of fruits and vegetables as they come to maturity during the season. Communications have already been opened with fruit growers, gardeners and farmers, so that an ample supply of all kinds of produce of the particular description and qualities required will be forthcoming. The success of this enterprise will be of great benefit to fruit growers and others and will stimulate that industry while assisting the efforts of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association for the extension of what is destined to be one of British Columbia's main sources of wealth in the future."

Canadian Packers.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Canned Goods Packers' Association held at Toronto recently was largely attended. The meeting was the most important held by the association. The president's report referred to the rapid progress of the canned goods industry. In the course of his remarks he said that at present we produce finer flavored fruits and vegetables than our neighbors to the south. Not only do we now supply our own market, but we are also exporting to the States, Europe, West Indies, China, Newfoundland and Japan. They had reduced the pack of 1889 so as to allow the heavy output of 1898 to be worked off. Since its organization the association had secured the removal of the duty on tin plates, an amendment to the Factory Act, lower prices for labels, and the box shooks and machinery for the factories are now made in Canada. A large can making establishment is now in operation in Hamilton. A protective tariff has been placed on canned goods coming into Canada. An efficient canned goods law has been adopted. Here recommended the association to still further limit the pack to the requirements of the country. He had attended the meeting of the United States packers at Indianapolis and referred to the depressed condition of the trade there, where goods were being sold at 20 to 30c per dozen less than the cost of production. From what he learned there he was strongly opposed to any closer business relations with the United States.

All the old officers were re-elected as follows: President, W. Boulter; vice-president, B. R. Nelles; secretary-treasurer, J. B. McLean; executive committee, W. A. Ferguson, W. P. Innes, S. Fenton and D. W. Douglas.

Progress in Northern Alberta.

In his annual address to the Edmonton board of trade, John Cameron, president says: "The business of the town is in a perfectly healthy condition. There have been no business failures whatever, and there has been a constant endeavor by business men to reduce the amount of outstanding obligations on both sides of the book. So that to-day, although the volume of business is as great as ever, there is probably less owing by or to the business community of Edmonton than ever before. The lowering of freight rates has admitted of a corresponding lowering in the cost of necessities, and made living cheaper and better. The crops although not as abundant as could be wished have been fair especially wheat, and the grain of excellent quality. There is every prospect that railway construction towards Prince Albert next season will furnish a good market for our surplus. The amount of gold taken from the river during the past season was much greater than ever before, and there is every assurance that the washings will not be exhausted for many years. The fur trade has perhaps fallen off slightly, but prices are still fair and Edmonton becomes a more and more important depot of that trade each year."

Over 4,000 tons of nickel is the annual output of the Copper Cliff mine, near Sudbury, Ont. This is a larger production, says the *Engineering News*, than that of all other nickel mines in the world combined. It is to be hoped that the increased production may result in a decrease in the price, now about 80 cents per pound, since the metal is so largely used in plating the best class of mechanical work.

Insurance Matters.

From the *Insurance & Commercial Gazette* of New York :

The "latest" is a "Free Tontine," i. e. free to pay in as much as you please. There is said to be "millions in it!"

The New York Life Insurance Company has withdrawn from the State of Massachusetts, owing to difficulties with the state Insurance commissioner.

The record of the Equitable Life Insurance Company for 1889:

New insurance in 1889 over	\$175,000,000
Assets January 1st, 1890.	105,000,000
Surplus " "	22,500,000
Income in 1889.....	30,000,000
Insurance in force.....	\$25,000,000

Fire insurance companies make a big mistake in trying to crowd up insurance to get more premiums, instead of trying to reduce losses. One big loss absorbs a big pile of net premiums. Policies should be so worded that losses would be reduced 50%, by which more profit would result to companies on one-half premium income than under present practice.

All fire insurance companies did a large and profitable business during last month, and pray it may continue during the whole year. This we do not expect, as the friction of creditors on well insured property these dull times is sure to produce a heavy crop of fires; yet many managers crowd up insurance to secure volume of premiums, which carries with it increased temptation to "let it burn," therefore increased volume of losses.

Weather prophets, says an exchange, prophesy that the long continued lingering of summer in the lap of winter, will produce a fine crop of fires in clothing stocks very early this spring. Of course; yet companies will persist in inducing the insured to crowd up his insurance, so that a fire may be a good wholesale of the insured property, to the insuring companies. As a rule no risk is safe, where the insured can recover over three-fourths of loss sustained.

Ditman, of Philadelphia, who either committed suicide or was accidentally killed, held \$200,000 life insurance and \$30,000 accident insurance, to wit: In New York Life, \$50,000; Provident Life and Trust, Philadelphia, \$50,000; Mutual Life, New York, \$20,000; Penn. Mutual Life Insurance Company, \$10,000; Connecticut Mutual, \$50,000, and the Equitable and other Companies for various small amounts. The \$30,000 accident policies will have to be paid in any event, whether he was killed by accident or committed suicide.

Insurance companies should bear in mind that if non liability for loss is claimed, on the ground of exception from liability under specific conditions in policy, the *onus* of proof of non liability, is on those who allege it, as a defense to an action founded on the policy. Death by suicide, through the result of disease, is death by accident as adjudicated by supreme court of United States. As a rule, we think the foresight of making all policies incontestable after one or two years except as to age, is wise, producing popularity and more business than curses and lapses.

Hartford capitalists are not yet fully convinced as to the proper form of policy for safety of a Burglar Insurance Company, therefore the requisite capital has not been secured. One

was started in New York, and without agents or special effort, its premium income exceeded \$10,000 a month, but owing to stock incompleteness it was closed up. There is room for a good burglar insurance company, capital \$1,000,000, to indemnify property holders from loss by burglary of large or small amounts. It is a necessity, practicable, safe to the company and could be made highly remunerative. It is said the *American Casualty and Security Company* lately chartered in Maryland, will assume this and all other insurable risks.

Grain and Milling.

W. Brown, miller, near Paisly, Ont., contemplates coming west with his mill.

British Columbia is to have another roller flour mill. A. E. Howse, of Nicola, has started east to purchase plant for a fifty-barrel roller flouring mill. During the past year \$5,000 have been sent to Lower Nicola for flour. The farmers could not sell their wheat as there was no mill to purchase it. The roller mill to be introduced will buy their wheat next year and supply the flour of the district, thus keeping the money there and promoting agriculture. Nicola is a fertile district of the interior.

W. W. Ogilvie, of the Ogilvie Milling Company, has purchased a block of buildings and land on Foundling street, at Montreal, extending 90 feet from the corner of Port street, with 74 feet frontage on Port street. The present building will be pulled down, and in their place will be erected a magnificent suite of offices, which it is claimed will outrival anything that has yet been seen in the flour trade of Montreal. On the first floor, fronting on Foundling and Port Streets, will be the principal offices, fitted up with the latest improvements and in the newest style.

Office Furniture.

The counting room of THE COMMERCIAL office has been supplied with a splendid piece of office furniture in the shape of a fine desk from the manufactory of Tees & Company, manufacturers of office furniture, etc., Montreal. This desk is of large size, neat and convenient design, and combines elegance of finish with solidity of make, while at the same time the price is very low. Indeed it is a wonder how such a perfect article can be made for the money. Tees & Company have done quite a large trade in Great Britain and Ireland in this article, and their speciality in the desk line is now used in Liverpool, Glasgow, Cardiff, Dublin and other leading commercial cities of the United Kingdom. This shows that they are able to compete successfully even in the unprotected and cheap labor markets of the Old Country, as well as at home.

Dairy Matters.

Rapid City parties are moving to establish a creamery at that place.

Solsgirth, Man., is likely to have a cheese factory in operation next summer.

The farmers of McGregor district, Man., are moving to secure a creamery. A committee has been appointed to work up the enterprise.

A meeting was held at Saltecoats recently to discuss the advisability of establishing a creamery. All present were in favor of it in preference to a cheese factory, and it is probable that there will be one in operation the coming season.

In view of the extension of the railway from Lethbridge into Montana, preparations are being made at the Lethbridge coal mines for a large increase in the output of coal. The *Lethbridge News* says: "Three hundred additional hands will be required, in the colliery to supply the demand, and the output will gradually be increased between now and October 1st, on and after which date the company will have to turn nine hundred tons of coal a day out of the mines in order to fill their contracts. In order to take out this quantity of coal two more shafts are shortly to be sunk on the north side of the railway track and a ventilating shaft is also to be sunk close to where the present mining shaft is. In order to provide temporary accommodation for the miners who are being brought up until they can get houses of their own, two large boarding houses are also to be erected on the north side of the track. These boarding houses are to be built to accommodate from 100 to 150 men. The sites have not yet been definitely determined, but they will be located somewhere between the shaft and Oliver & Bruce's brickyard. These buildings will be erected as soon as the snow goes and building operations can be commenced."

The following is a statement showing the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption at Winnipeg with duty collected thereon during the month of February last together with a comparative statement for the corresponding month of 1889:

	Value. 1890	Value. 1889.
Exported	\$ 49,051 00	\$ 84,956 00
Imported—dutiable..	124,773 00	158,985 00
Imported—free	27,422 00	32,641 00
Total imported.	\$152,195 00	\$191,626 00
Entered for consumption—dutiable	\$125,367 00	\$161,543 00
Entered for consumption—free	27,422 00	32,641 00
Total for consumption	\$152,789 00	\$194,184 00
Duty collected	\$ 39,051 43	51,419 43

On Wednesday last taxpayers of Vancouver, B.C., voted upon the by-law to give a bonus of \$30,000 for the establishment of a sugar refinery, capable of refining one hundred barrels per day. The by-law was carried. Besides the bonus the promoters are to have a remission of the taxation upon their property for a number of years, provided that building operations will commence immediately, and the refinery will be in operation within eight months. The projectors are New York parties.

The Inland Revenue collections at Winnipeg for February were as follows:

Spirit	\$7,256 89
Malt.....	505 48
Tobacco.....	4,307 30
Cigars.....	225 00
Petroleum.....	55 80
Wines	25 00
Total	\$12,375 47

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings bank, Winnipeg, during February were as follows.

Deposits	\$15,559 00
Withdrawals	20,853 99

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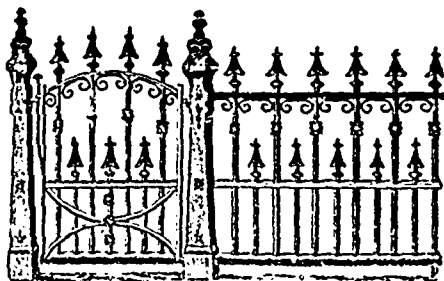
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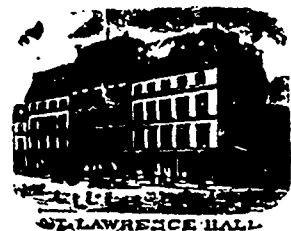
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Northern Pacific & Manitoba Ry. Time Table taking effect Sept. 1, 1889.

North Bound		South Bound	
Daily except Sunday	Daily Passenger	Passenger	Freight
No. 53	No. 55	No. 54	No. 58
1:30p	4:15p	0 A	Winnipeg
1:25p	4:11p	1 0	Kennedy Avenue
1:15p	4:07p	3 0	Portage Junction
12:47p	3:54p	9 3	St. Norbert
12:20p	3:42p	15 3	Cartier
11:32a	3:24p	23 5	St. Agathe
11:22a	3:10p	27 4	Union Point
10:47a	3:05p	32 5	Silver Plains
10:11a	2:48p	40 4	Morris
9:42a	2:33p	46 8	St. Jean
8:58a	2:13p	56 0	Lethbridge
8:15a	1:53p	05.0 A	W. Lynde
7:15a	1:48p	05.0 A	Penabina
7:00a	1:40p	05.1 D	Grand Forks
10:10a	2:55p	265	Winnipeg Junction
5:25a	8:35a		Minneapolis
8:00p			St. Paul
Westward		Eastward	
10:20a			Bismarck
10:11p			Miles City
2:50p			Helena
10:50a			Spokane Falls
3:40p			Pascoe Junction
6:40a			Portland
			(via R. O. & N.)
6:45a			Tacoma
			(via Cascade div.)
3:15p			Portland
			(via Cascade div.)

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BRANCH.

Daily except Su	STATIONS.	Daily except Su
11:10a	Winnipeg	4:20p
	Kennedy Avenue	
10:57a	Portage Junction	4:37p
10:34a	Headingley	5:00p
10:00a	Horse Plains	5:20p
9:35a	Gravel Pit Spur	5:55p
9:15a	Eustace	6:17p
8:52a	Oakville	6:38p
8:25a	Assiniboine Bridge	7:15p
8:10a	Portage la Prairie	7:30p

MORRIS BRAYDON BRANCH.

Mixed Monday	Miles from Morris	STATIONS.	Mixed Tuesday Friday
2:30p	0	Morris	2:50p
3:03p	10.0	Luce's	1:52p
3:37p	21.2	Martle	1:13p
4:20p	25.9	Roland	12:55p
5:09p	33.5	Rosebank	12:25p
5:20p	39.6	Miami	11:45a
5:53p	49.0	Deerwood	11:10a
6:19p	54.1	Alta	10:52a
6:44p	62.1	Somers	10:25a
7:30p	65.4	Swan Lake	10:02a
	74.6	Indian Springs	9:41a
	79.4	Maricapolis	9:24a
	86.1	Greenway	9:00a
	92.3	Baldor	
	102.0	Belmont	8:02a
	106.7	Hilton	7:56a
	120.0	Wawaresa	7:00a

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N. W. C. & N. Co's Railway TIME TABLE.

Read Down. GOING EAST No. 1 Daily	STATIONS.	Read Up. GOING WEST. No. 2 Daily.
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	De 20 00
20 15	Seven Persons	Ar 19 55
22 10 Ar	Dunmore	18 45
		De 17 30

E. T. GALT, Manager, Lethbridge.
J. BAILEY, Supt., Lethbridge.

Manitoba and Northwestern Ry. CHANGE OF TIME.

PASS Tuesday and Saturday	Miles from Portage	STATIONS.	PASS Monday and Friday
LEAVE			ARRIVE
16 15		Portage la Prairie	14 15
18 00	35	Gladstone	12 50
19 00	61	Nepawa	11 23
20 00	79	Minnedosa	10 40
21 00	94	Rapid City	9 15
21 46	116	Shoal Lake	8 45
23 00	138	Birtle	7 45
23 38	155	Binscarth	6 47
24 15	168	Russell	6 10
24 45	180	Langbeault	5 40
1 45	206	Saltcoats	4 40
ARRIVE			LEAVE

Meals.
*Trains for Binscarth leave Birtle Tuesdays and Saturdays only at 23 00, returning leave Binscarth Wednesdays and Mondays only at 6 47. For Russell leave Birtle Tuesdays only at 23 00, returning leave Russell Wednesdays only at 6 10. For Langenburg and Saltcoats leave Birtle Saturdays only at 23 00, returning leave Saltcoats Mondays only at 4 40. For Rapid City leave Minnedosa Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 20 10, returning leave Rapid City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 15.
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