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WINNIPEG, MARCH 7, 1892.

A New Board of Trade.

A board of trade has been organized for the county of Dennis, Man. The secretary of the new board writes THE COMMERCIAL as follows:—

I have the honor to inform you that the county of Dennis board of trade completed its organization at Virden on the 24th, the following officers being elected: R. Adamson, banker, Virden; president, Archibald Leitch, miller, Oak Lake; vice-president, George H. Healey; Virden, secretary-treasurer. Council, J. F. Frame, B. Meek, B. E. Foster, D. Fraser, Virden; Alex Leitch, W. C. Chambers and A. A. Cameron, Oak Lake, and W. M. Cushing, Elk-horn. It has long been a matter of surprise that a county of such commercial importance had no permanent organization of this sort and no doubt the new board will not fail to take advantage of the phenomenal wheat crop (both quality and quantity) produced in the county. It will be remembered that the Virden agricultural society's exhibits took both the Canadian Pacific railway prize and the inter-provincial first prize at Winnipeg last fall. The magnificence of that display, from a county that has never done much puffing, somewhat surprised the rest of the province.

Red River Improvements.

A meeting of the joint committee of the city council and the board of trade on Red river navigation improvements was held in Winnipeg last week.

City Engineer Ruttan, presented a report submitting a draft of memorial to the Governor-General-in-Council, which was considered item by item and adopted as follows:

"That our memorialists consider it would be a great benefit to the town of Selkirk, the city

of Winnipeg and the people resident in what is known as the Red river valley, if the navigation of the Red river were so improved that boats drawing seven feet of water could freely navigate the same from its mouth to the international boundary, the improvement necessary being chiefly confined to the removal of the difficulties to navigation at the St. Andrew's rapids, which are some twenty miles distant from the city of Winnipeg.

1. Your memorialists submit the following facts and reasons in support of their opinion:

(a.) The development of the timber and natural resources of Lake Winnipeg and its tributary rivers.

(b.) A reduction in the price of fuel to the people living on the Red river between Lake Winnipeg and the international boundary.

(c.) The development of an export trade in lumber, iron ore, flagstones, etc., to the states of Minnesota and Dakota.

(d.) Generally to create trade industries which will give employment to large numbers of men and develop the industries of the country.

(e.) F. Proudfoot, representing the owners of large ore deposits, says:

"Already a company of capitalists in the city of Fargo have made definite proposals for the supply of 25,000 tons of iron ore to be shipped annually for 25 years by the Red river to that place; but though the ore could be carried in flat bottomed boats from the boundary line it was found impossible to get it over the St. Andrew's rapids, and I deem it a fact which cannot be doubted that, if the river were made navigable, this iron ore, brick clay, fire clay and flagging stone could be shipped by water to supply the many towns beyond the boundary, and this water-way could be made a source of wealth to the country."

The dredging already done by the government at the mouth of the Red river has been of so much benefit that the amount of shipping there has quadrupled, and the rates of freight are only about one-fourth what they formerly were.

It is believed, however, that with the present facilities for navigation, the Lake Winnipeg trade has reached its maximum; with the improvements proposed there is no doubt authority for saying that the Lake Winnipeg trade would be increased, while a large local trade on the Red river would be developed.

In the item of fuel alone the equivalent of 200,000 cords of wood is now used every year in the country tributary to the Red river. Firewood, the supply of which from the railway lines is rapidly becoming exhausted, costs, delivered, about \$5.50 per cord. With a fair profit to the dealers and shippers, the same quantity of wood could be delivered from Lake Winnipeg for \$3.50 per cord, including cheaper grades of poplar, say an average saving of \$1.50 per cord or \$300,000 per annum.

It will be seen therefore, that a small canal toll on sand, limestone, stone, lime, lumber and cordwood would be sufficient to pay the cost of construction of the proposed works.

Some of the benefits to be derived by the Dominion at large from the improvement of the Red river would be:

(1.) An increase in the revenue from government dues on wood, lumber and ties.

(2.) The development of more mines and manufactures.

(3.) The creation of large and important shipping interests.

(4.) The development of an export trade with the United States in iron ore, stone, wood, cheap grades of lumber and railway ties.

(5.) The settlement of lands surrounding the lake.

The principal obstruction to navigation occurs at the St. Andrew's rapids, between the lake and the city of Winnipeg.

Between the city of Winnipeg and the boundary line, in ordinary seasons, the river is navigable,

From the international boundary southward the river has been improved by the United States government, and in ordinary seasons affords navigation to vessels of five feet draft for a distance of 280 miles.

It is estimated that the cost of improving the St. Andrew's rapids would not exceed \$500,000, and it is thought that the increase in government revenues from timber, ties, cordwood, minerals, etc., would be more than sufficient to pay the cost of the necessary improvements.

And as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray.

Raw Furs at Montreal.

The local market for raw furs is very quiet as offerings are extremely scanty. One reason appears to be that, as usual, trappers have not yet realized that a considerable fall has taken place in values, owing to the results of the London sales last month, and they are still hoping to get better prices than are now being offered. Country storekeepers are also willing to pay more than city merchants can afford, as they either pay for the furs in trade or else keep a good customer by giving a better price for furs. Local prices for beaver have declined 50c since this time last month; muskrats are 1c lower for fall and 3c lower for winter; otter is down \$2.00 on fine skins, and raccoon will not fetch more than 60c, while outside values last month were \$1.00. We quote: Beaver, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per lb; bear, \$12.00 to \$15.00 per skin; bear rut, \$5.00 to \$10.00; fisher, \$2.50 to \$4.00; red fox, \$1.00 to \$1.25; lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.50; marten, 75c; mink, \$1.00 to \$1.50; muskrat, fall 9c; do., winter, 12c; otter, \$3.00 to \$10.00; raccoon 40 to 60c; skunk, 15c, 40c, 60c and \$1.00.—Trade Bulletin.

Montreal Metal Market.

The iron market does not pick up any and the conditions at present rather preclude than indicate any improvement in the near future. With high freights ruling at present business from spot is restricted to a small business for actual requirements, while the position of primary markets, which are very weak, does not induce any business for import. In fact, pig iron is weak and unsettled at present and some low offers are noted, while business has been done for Ontario points for delivery inside of a month via New York at very low figures. Offers on spot of No. 1 Summerlee have also been made at equal to \$21 and we quote our prices some what lower in consequence. For Summerlee and equal brands \$21.50 is now the idea, while Carnbroe is quoted at \$19.50. In the speculative branch in Great Britain matters continue unsettled. The stocks in warrant stores last week were 503,000 tons Scotch and 157,000 tons Cleveland.

Bar iron locally is quiet with nothing particular doing. We quote \$2 to \$2.10.

Tin andterne plate are quiet and unchanged and there has been little doing on spot on which to base a quotation. On the other side there has been no particular change since a week ago. Stocks of tin plate at shipping points in Great Britain have increased slightly since the beginning of the month.—Gazette, Feb. 27.

The Manitoban for February has been received, and gives appearance of continued prosperity. The illustrations this month are mostly of British Columbian scenery, one view each of Victoria and Vancouver being given, besides other sketches. Among the articles are twenty editorial utterances by the editor. Rev. Hugh Padley writes under the heading "Leaders of Religious Thought in Britain." The subject of the Red River Expedition of 1870 is continued, with illustration. "The Red River Voyageur" is an interesting article by United States Consul Taylor, calling to memory incidents of early days in the Red river settlement. E. A. B. writes on "British Columbia cities," treating of our four Pacific coast cities. Other articles go to make an interesting number.

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

The most important matter referred to in the address at the opening of Parliament was the paragraph dealing with the recent visit of the Canadian ministers to Washington. This was as follows:—

The meeting which had been arranged with the United States government for a day in October last, for an informal discussion on the extension of trade between the two countries, and on other international matters requiring adjustment, was postponed at their request. But, in compliance with a more recent intimation from that government, three of my ministers proceeded to Washington, and conferred with representatives of the administration of the United States on those subjects. An amicable understanding was arrived at respecting the steps to be taken for the establishment of the boundary of Alaska; and for reciprocity of services in cases of wreck and salvage. Arrangements were also reached for the appointment of an international commission to report on the regulations which may be adopted by the United States and Canada for the prevention of destructive methods of fishing and the pollution of streams, and for establishing uniformity of close seasons, and other means for the preservation and increase of fish. A valuable and friendly interchange of views respecting other important matters also took place.

The subjects mentioned are each sufficiently important in itself to warrant the visit of our ministers to Washington. A satisfactory understanding with the United States upon all these points, is desirable. The great question of reciprocal trade relations, however, is not even mentioned, and we can only surmise that the last sentence of the paragraph quoted above, which says that "a valuable and friendly interchange of views respecting other important matters also took place," has reference to the trade question.

Some further light upon the subject has since come from Washington. General John W. Foster, who has taken an active part in the negotiation of the recent reciprocity treaties concluded by the United States with other powers, has been speaking at a board of trade dinner at New York, upon the subject of reciprocity in general, and with Canadian particular. Referring to Canada, General Foster said:

While with our tropical neighbors, whose products are so dissimilar to ours, reciprocity is a simple matter, when we come to deal with a country having thousands of miles of coterminous territory, and with like products and industries, the question becomes more complex. The chief barrier to reciprocity with the Dominion, however, lay in the fact that Canada does not possess the right of negotiating her own treaties, but must have them negotiated by a distant power, controlled by economic principles entirely different from those of both the United States and Canada. So long as other interests than those of Canada are to control, General Foster said, negotiations for commercial reciprocity must prove a failure.

From the position which he occupies at Washington, Gen. Foster is able to and no doubt voices the feeling of the administration there, regarding trade with Canada. From Gen.

Foster's remarks, it may be inferred that the United States will not treat with Canada for reciprocity, unless upon a basis which leaves British trade interests completely out of the question. The action of the Liberal party in Canada, has led the United States to believe that sooner or later, we will be prepared to treat with them for a close commercial alliance, regardless as to how imperial trade interests may be affected thereby. Believing that this time will come, the leaders at Washington would no doubt conclude that they would only be delaying the day, by consenting to deal with Canada now, on a basis of respect for imperial interests. This is the only meaning that can be taken out of Gen. Foster's words, when he speaks of other than Canadian interests predominating, in negotiations for reciprocity between Canada and the United States. He knows well that the home government would not interfere in any reasonable treaty of reciprocity which Canada might desire to enter into with the United States. That is evidently not what he refers to. The case is simply this, that unless Canada is prepared to sacrifice her own and imperial trade interests, so far as they are intermingled together, she need not look for extension of trade southward. What the Washington administration want is not a fair reciprocity treaty in natural products, but they want Canada to shut out British goods and admit theirs free. This is what they hope for, and this is what they have been led to expect, by the mischievous commercial union agitation in Canada. Unless we are prepared to enter into a high-tariff compact with the United States and discriminate against Great Britain and other countries, we can only expect such treatment from the republic as was accorded us by the McKinley law. Our products will be shut out and taxed unmercifully in all directions, with the object of compelling us to submit to a trade compact such as is desired at Washington.

FORCING TRADE BY TARIFFS.

The McKinley bill in the United States has been a success in one respect, namely; in forcing a number of other countries to conclude reciprocity treaties with the United States, which are in their nature very favorable to the latter country. Mr. Blaine's trump policy of a close trade alliance between all the countries of America south of and including the United States, has not materialized in as glittering a manner as was talked of, but at the same time the United States has recently concluded quite a number of commercial treaties with other countries, which are favorable to the extension of the export trade of the republic.

One of the avowed objects of the McKinley bill, was to force certain countries to reduce their tariff upon commodities exported by the United States. It was provided that after a specified date (which date has recently expired), that higher duties might be levied upon products coming into the United States from countries which did not buy liberally from the republic. That is, in cases where the balance of trade was against the United States, the president was to suspend the general tariff upon

products coming in from such countries, and make them subject to a higher rate. This was applicable mainly to countries exporting sugar, molasses, coffee, tea and hides. Duties upon these products were lowered by the McKinley bill, but under the conditions stated above, the old duties might be again enforced after a specified date, as against certain countries which had not in the meantime arranged a reciprocity treaty with the United States. Under the pressure of the threat of higher duties upon their products, a number of countries, as stated, have submitted to a reciprocity arrangement with the republic. Others have not done so, and they have been formally notified that the higher tariff will be imposed upon their products, unless they come to time.

The reciprocity treaties which the United States has concluded, principally with South American countries, will have an injurious effect upon the trade of other nations with these countries, and will probably tell most severely upon British trade. The effect of the reciprocity provisions of the McKinley law, has therefore been awaited with keen interest in England. The matter was recently discussed briefly in the British house of commons, and it was admitted that British trade with certain countries had been placed at a disadvantage, through these reciprocity treaties concluded with the United States.

The policy of high tariffs was first adopted as an alleged means of building up home industries. Recently high tariffs have come to be looked upon as a means of forcing international trade. The policy is not a commendable one, but it is capable of exerting a wonderful influence upon the trade of the world. Fancy a commercial union of the hundreds of millions of subjects of the British Empire, and fancy this empire dictating to the world after the manner the United States has done in the McKinley law! What vast consequences to some countries would be involved under such conditions. The United States has adopted the principle that there must be something like a fair proportion of trade in its favor, in its commerce with foreign countries, and where the balance is against them, they propose to raise their tariff against such countries. The British empire is by far the largest consumer of United States products, while the latter country is not a liberal buyer of British goods. An organ of the protective party in the United States recently boasted that British board of trade returns showed that the United Kingdom had purchased 95,000,000 pounds sterling from them, while the United States had only taken 44,000,000 pounds of British goods. What a splendid opportunity there is here of administering to the United States some of its own McKinley law medicine. As British trade will suffer most severely from the reciprocity treaties the United States is now concluding, so also would the latter country be decidedly the greatest sufferer should the McKinley act be copied by the British parliament. Under such conditions the granger element of the republic, which is always a vigorous kicker, would have something to howl about in earnest. Of such a contingency, however, there is probably little need for alarm.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the fifth annual report of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, which was submitted at Toronto on January 28. The report shows that decided improvement has been made in the position of the company during the past year, and this renders the future outlook encouraging. The amount of new business taken was \$2,111,100, and the net premium income \$181,084. The total income, less re-insurance, was \$198,141. Premium and total income show a handsome increase over the previous year, while at the same time it is gratifying to note a decrease in expenditures, including death claims. Assets are increased by \$86,219, making the total now \$437,959. An addition in paid up capital of \$127,320, makes the surplus in favor of policy holders amount to \$135,308. In addition to the paid up capital, the Manufacturers' has \$493,680 of uncalled capital subscribed for by the leading capitalists of Canada. Altogether the affairs of the company appear to have been placed in a sound and prosperous position.

The business of the company in the West has prospered during the year. About a year ago W. R. Miller was appointed manager for the west, with headquarters at Winnipeg, having charge of the territory from Rat Portage to the Pacific coast. Mr. Miller came to Winnipeg well recommended, having had a long experience in life insurance, during which he filled the position of inspector for a leading company. Previous to his taking the management here, he had made an extended trip through the west, and was therefore not unacquainted with the field. He has also visited all parts of his territory within the year. Recently the services of F. J. Dorsey, late conductor on the C. P. R., have been secured. Mr. Dorsey has given special attention to the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co. with good results, and a large business has been done among C. P. R. employees, and with others. E. McDonald, formerly agent of the company at Portage la Prairie, has been appointed inspector of agencies for Manitoba and the Territories.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, syrups and molasses.—Granulated is now pretty generally sold at 4½c here, which is slightly under the cost laid down. In yellows few houses have any to offer under 3½c, but these are sometimes cut to 3½c when sold with other goods. Sugars—Granulated, 4½c; Paris lump, boxes, 5c; extra ground, bbls, 5 to 5½c; powdered, bbls, 4½ to 4¾c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Demerara, 4½ to 4¾c. Syrups—D., 2 to 2½c; M., 2½ to 2¾c; B., 2½ to 2¾c; V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; E.V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; ex-super, 2½ to 2¾c; XX, 2½ to 3c; XXX and special, 3 to 3½c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls, 30 to 45c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals, 30 to 40c; low grades, 23 to 25c.

Teas and coffees.—Demand for teas continues good on low grades, but the enquiry for the better grades is light. The city trade is running chiefly on Congous from 13 to 17c, but country dealers are taking a good many Japans at 13c up. There is a good enquiry for cheap Young Hysons, but they are scarce, with but few offered under 16c; these have come on from New York; on the prices asked by English sellers they could not be brought in to sell at that. In coffees Rios are fairly active, but other grades are quiet. Prices are:—Rios, 17 to 20c; Jamaica, 19 to 20c; Java, 25 to 30c; Mocha, 29 to 33c; Porto Rico, 25 to 28c.

Dried fruit—Prices generally are weak.

Later importations are coming to hand, which have been bought at lower prices. Currants—Bbls, now, 5 to 5½c; do., fancy, 6c; half bbls, 5½ to 5¾c; Vostizza, new, cases, 6½ to 9c; Patras, bbls, 6 to 6½c; half bbls, 6½c; cases, 6½ to 6¾c. Raisins; 7½c; do old, off stalk, per box, 75c — Valencia, 1½ to 5½c; layers, 7 to 7½c; do old, off stock, per box, 75c to \$1; sultanas, 9 to 12c; London layers, \$2.25 to 2.40; black baskets, \$3.50 to 3.75; do, 4 boxes, \$1.20; blue baskets, \$4 to 4.50; finest Dohessas, \$4.75 to 5.00; do, 4 boxes \$2; muscatel, 2 cr, \$2.25; do, 1 cr, \$3. Figs—Klimes, 10 lbs and up, 11 to 16c; Malaga, 50 lb bags, 5 to 5½c; natural bags, 4½ to 5½c. Dates—Hal-lowee, 5 to 5½c. Prunes—New, cases, 6½ to 8c; casks, 5c; kegs, 5½c; old, cases 5½ to 6c. Nuts —Almonds, Tarragona, new, 13½ to 15c. Ivica, 14 to 15c; do shelled, Valencia, 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c, walnuts, Grenoble, 14 to 15c.

Canned goods—Staple vegetables are meeting with a fairly good demand at steady prices. On some of the best known brands the advance recently asked is being paid, but the general run are selling at old prices. While there is some talk of higher prices in the near future the candid opinion of jobbers is that they will remain at present figures. Fish—Salmon, 1½ \$1.60 to 1.70; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.35 to 1.45; lobster, Clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's \$2.10 to 2.30; mackerel, \$1 to 1.10; sardines, French, 1's, 40c; sardines, French, 1's, 17c; sardines, American 1's, 6 to 8c; sardines, American 1's, 9c. Fruits and Vegetables —Tomatoes, 3's, \$1.00 to \$1.15; corn, 2's, 97½c to \$1.05; peas, 2's, \$1.05 to \$1.25; beans, 95c to \$1; pumpkins, 75c to \$1.00; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.25 to 2.40; apples, gals, \$2.25; 3's, \$1.10; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches 3's, \$2.75 to 3.25; plums, 2's, \$1.44 to 1.65; 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's, \$1.90 to 2.00; 3's, \$2.90 to 3.

Rice and spices—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 3½ to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; pepper, black, 11½ to 12c; do, white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 10 to 15c; allspice, 10 to 12c; nutmegs, 90 to \$1.10; cream tartar, 25 to 35c.

Peels—Demand dull, but values are firm at 16 to 18c for lemon, 16½ to 18c for orange, and 25 to 28c for citron.—*Empire*, Feb. 26.

Toronto Hardware and Paint Prices.

Jobbers are still selling horseshoes below the present lay-down price. The metal markets have been dull, with an easier tendency, especially in lead and boiler tubes.

Antimony—Cookson's, per pound, 15 to 15½c; other makes, per pound, 14 to 14½c.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 56 and 58-pound ingots, per pound, 23 to 23½c; Straits, 100-pound ingots, 23 to 23½c; strip, 24½ to 25c.

Cooper—Ingot, 13 to 13½c; sheet, 16 to 18.

Lead—Bar, 4½ to 5c; pig, 3½ to 3¾c; sheet, per roll, \$4.75 to \$5.25; shot, Can. dis., 7½ per cent.

Zinc—Sheet, 6½ to 7c; zinc, spelter, 5½c, domestic; imported, 6c; solder, hf. and hf., 18 to 19c.

Brass—Sheet, 21 to 28c.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$2.10 to \$2.15; bar, refined, \$2.60; Swedes, 1-inch or over, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Lowmoor, 5½ to 6c; hoops, cooper's, \$2.60 to \$2.65; hoops, band, \$2.50 to \$2.60; tank plates, \$2.00 to \$2.25; boiler rivets, best, \$1.50; sheet, 10 to 20 gauge, \$2.75 to \$3.00; 22 to 24-gauge, \$2.75 to \$3.00; 26-gauge, \$3.00 to \$3.25; 28-gauge, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Russia sheet, per pound, 10 to 12c.

Galvanized iron—16 to 24 gauge, 5 to 5½; 26-gauge, 5½ to 5¾c; 28-gauge, 5½ to 5¾c.

Iron wire—Market bright and annealed. Nos. 1 to 16, net list from stock, 12½ per cent. discount from Montreal; for Hamilton or Toronto add 10c per 100 pounds; market tinned, per pound, 4½ to 8c; galvanized fence same discount as bright and annealed; barbed wire, 4½ to 5c;

coiled chain, ¼-inch, 5½ to 5¾c; ½-inch, 4½ to 4¾c; ¾-inch, 4 1/5 to 4¾c; 1-inch, 3½ to 3¾c; 1½-inch, 3 1/5 to 3¾c; iron pipe, off list, 60 to 62½ per cent. discount; galvanized off list 33½ to 35 per cent. discount; boiler tubes, 2-inch, 13c, do., 3-inch, 18½c.

Steel—Cast 13 to 14c; boiler plate, ¼ inch, \$2.30; 5 16 do, \$2.25; ¾ inch, do, \$2.25; six-g shoe, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Nails American list, basis, \$2.50 f.o.b., Toronto and Hamilton, brads, mouldings and wire, 75 per cent. off the new list.

Horse nails—Can. dis. 50 and 6 off

Horse shoes—Per kog, \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Canada plates—Blaine, \$2.35 to \$2.95. Over \$2.90 to \$3.00.

Tin plates—IC coke, \$3.65 to \$4.00; IC charcoal, \$4.25 to \$4.75; IX charcoal, \$5.25 to \$5.75; IX charcoal, \$6.25 to \$6.75; DC charcoal, \$4 to \$4.25.

Gunpowder—Can blasting, per kog, \$2.50 to \$2.75; can sporting, FF \$5; can sporting FFF, \$5.25; can rifle, \$7.25.

Rope—Manilla, 12½c basis; sisal, 10½c basis.

Axes, per box, \$7 to \$12.

Glass—Fourth quality star, 1st break, \$1.40 to \$1.45; 2nd do, \$1.55; 3rd do, \$3.40; 4th do, \$3.70; 5th do, \$4.

For old material we quote dealers' paying prices as follows: No. 1 heavy scrap, 65 to 70c per 100 pounds; stove cast scrap, 40 to 45c, burnt cast scrap, 15 to 20c; No. 1 wrought iron, 60 to 65c; No. 2 including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 20 to 30c; new scrap copper, 10 to 11c; heavy scrap copper, 10½ to 10¾c; old copper bottoms, 8c; light scrap brass, 5½c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 7½c; heavy red scrap 8½ to 8¾c; scrap lead, 2c; scrap zinc, 2½ to 2¾c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 2¾c; country mixed rags, 80 to 85c per 100 pounds; clean dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 pounds; plough shares, 60 to 65c; railroad iron, 65 to 75c; malleable scrap, 25c.

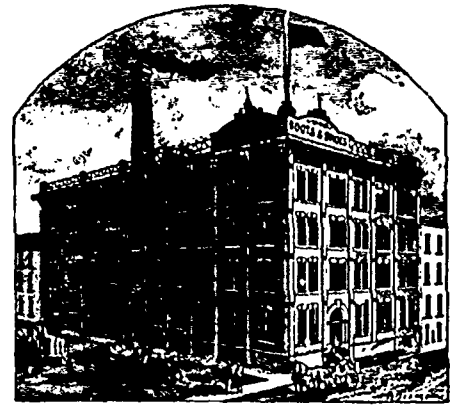
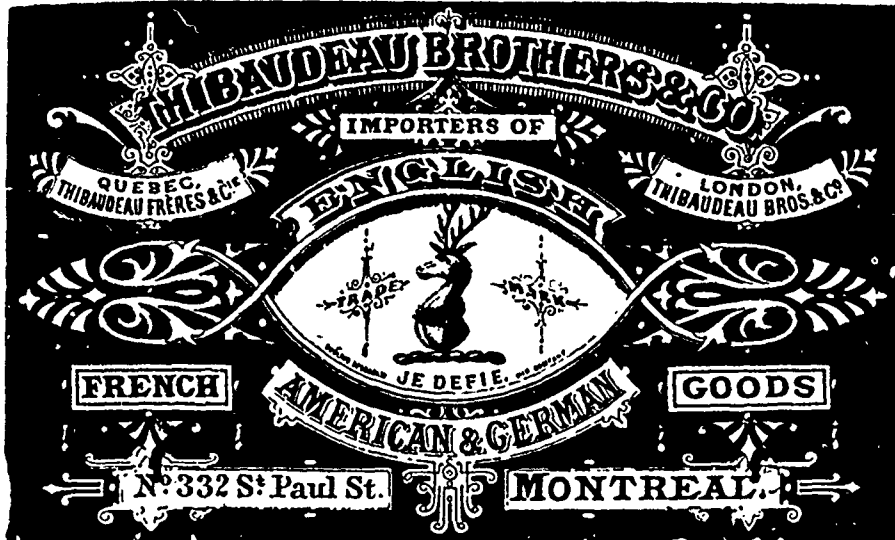
Paints and oils—We quote on large lots only: Pure white lead ground in oil, association guarantee, 5½ to 5¾c. Prepared paints, (1-qr., 1-hlf. and 1 gal. tins,) pure per gallon, \$1.10; second qualities, per gallon, 90c. Colors in oil (25-pound tins, standard quality)—Venetian red, per pound, 5c; chrome yellow, per pound, 14c; chrome green, per pound, 8c; French imperial green, 14c. Colors, dry—Yellow ochre (J.C.), in barrels, per cwt., \$1.35 to \$1.40; Venetian red (R.C. 2), per cwt., \$1.50; English oxides in barrels, per pound, 3½c; American, in barrels, per pound, 2½c; Canadian, in barrels, 1¾c; Paris green, 15c; burnt umber, per pound, 5c; chrome yellows per pound, 11 to 12c; chrome greens, per pound, 12c; Indian red, 6c for ordinary, 10c for pure; agricultural red, 10 to 22c; golden ochre, 3½ to 4c. Tube colors—First break 80c; second break, \$1.25; third break, \$2.40. Linseed oil, in barrels—raw, per gallon, 56 to 58c; boiled, per gallon, 59 to 61c. Turpentine, in barrels—Selected packages, per gallon, 54 to 55c. Glue—Common, broken, in barrels, 10 to 11c; French medal, 11 to 12c; cabinet makers', 17 to 18c; white, 16 to 17c. Castor oil, per pound, 10 to 11c. Putty, per cwt., \$2.00. Resin, \$1.00 per cwt. Pine tar, (pint tins), \$1 per dozen.

Hua, Richardson & Co., Montreal, have obtained a settlement at 50c on the dollar.

The Dominion Government, it is said will take proceedings against grocers for selling adulterated coffee.

The Montreal Herald property, consisting of the good will and plant, exclusive of the book debts, was sold to J. Brooks Young, of the New England Paper Company, for 11,350.

The United States committee on ways and means on the bill "To place wool on the free list and to reduce the duties on woolen goods" commonly know as the free wool bill has completed its report recommending the passage of the measure and will submit it to the House.



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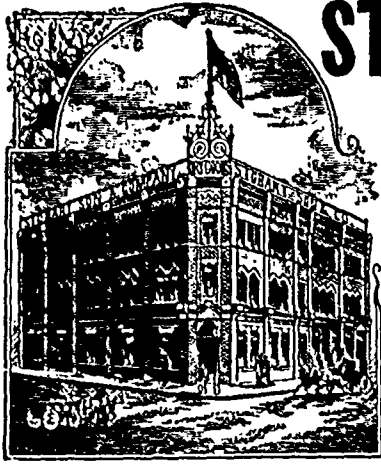
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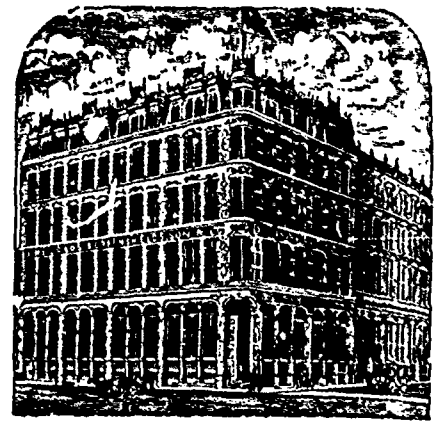
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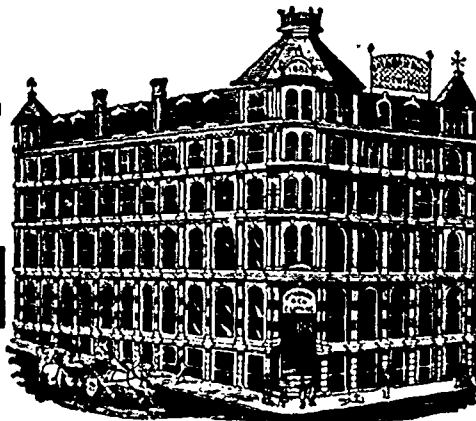
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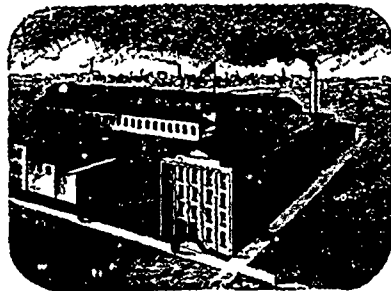
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Manitoba.

Wm. Enright, Winnipeg, dealer in horses, etc., is dead.

R. A. Lepper, general storekeeper, Birtle, has assigned.

D. W. Shields will open a butcher shop and feed store at Rounthwaite.

The stock of Jas. Joselwiteh, grocer, Winnipeg, has been damaged by fire.

Butchart & Watson, drugs, etc., Cyprus River, are succeeded by Butchart Bros.

Butchart & Somersall, hardware, Stockton, are dissolving partnership. Butchart retires.

The Imperial Bank staff took possession of their fine new premises at Brandon last week.

The firm of Herron & Holbrook, Napinka, has been dissolved; Holbrook continuing the business.

THE COMMERCIAL has again been permanently enlarged this week by the addition of four pages.

The first number of the Morden *Herald*, E. A. Bailey's new paper, is out. It is all printed at home.

J. W. Hotherington has returned to Virden from Plum Creek and intends going into business there again.

L. K. Horne has opened a harness shop at Emerson. W. Piko has opened a butcher shop at the same place.

E. Lewis, carriage manufacturer, Winnipeg, has formed a partnership with Jos. Gilbert. Style Lewis & Gilbert.

The stock and book accounts of the estate of W. J. Smale, boots and shoes, etc., Carberry, has been sold to Mary E. Smale.

Rubleo, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits, Winnipeg, have been remodeling and improving the interior of their premises.

Wm. Cairns has already finished the erection of a building for a general store at Bagot, two stations west of Portage la Prairie.

R. Scott, merchant, Shoal Lake, who has been to British Columbia, disposing of two carloads of butter, has returned home.

The electric street railway contract between the city of Winnipeg and the Ross-McKenzie syndicate has been signed by both parties and is now a binding and legal document.

The partnership existing between Thomas McKay and J. J. Struthers, general storekeepers, Pilot Mound, was dissolved 1st March. The business will be carried on by Mr. McKay.

James E. Jackson, of the firm of Jackson & Martin, general storekeepers, Rounthwaite, intends to leave shortly for the old country, having sold his interest in the business to C. Newton.

The Pilot Mound *Sentinel* says that a number of wild ducks are spending the winter on Clearwater Creek, a little west of that place. When wild ducks can winter here safely—in a cold winter at that—this country cannot be such a bad place for winter residence.

Jasper Nation, for a number of years in the employ of F. Nation & Co., Brandon, will shortly launch out into business on his own behalf. He will open with a stock of general dry goods, in the store lately vacated by W. Sinkbeil.

W. F. Doll, jeweller, Winnipeg, has purchased from Jacob Heiman the law office occupied by Horehmer & Black, and the store occupied by Sparling & Messer, at Morden, for the sum of \$2 100. Mr. Doll intends to convert the law office into a jewelry store and make a law office over it.

L. A. Hamilton, land commissioner of the C. P. R., returned to Winnipeg from Europe last week. He reports that there is certain to be an increased number of immigrants from Great

Britain to Canada, of the best class of agricultural settlers. There were also good prospects of a considerable German immigration.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, during February were as follows:

Deposits	\$21,018 00
Withdrawals	21,303 49

Deposits exceed withdrawals by \$ 347 61

The test of fire engines which was arranged to take place at Carberry last week, did not come off, owing to the scarcity of water in and about that burgh. The town has two or three tanks for fire purposes, but refused to allow these to be pumped dry by the tests. The Waterous company, represented by G. W. Erb, of Winnipeg, were on hand with two engines, and Ronalds, of Brussels, one.

The annual meeting of the British North America Fire Insurance company was held at the company's office, 405 Main street, Winnipeg, last week. Reports of the year's business were submitted and were of a satisfactory nature. The election of directors took place and resulted as follows: Messrs. W. F. Alloway, Wm. Hespeler, A. M. Nanton, D. E. Sprague, E. L. Drowry, A. Macdonald and Robert Strang.

G. Gorrell, says the Pilot Mound *Sentinel*, is feeding about forty steers for Mr. Gordon, cattle shipper. The grain used has been raised on Mr. Gorrell's own farm. A crusher and horse power are kept on the premises. The food used is chiefly grain and straw, with a few turnips. The animals stand two in each stall and are not at any time let out. The water for the cattle is brought by a pipe from a good pump outside into the building and then distributed. A wide passage in the centre permits of a horse and sleigh being used in cleaning the stables. The animals are in fine condition and are rapidly taking on flesh. Mr. Gordon has about two hundred and fifty head distributed among farmers to be fattened. If this practice could have been more extensively engaged in, a vast quantity of low grade grain that will be otherwise lost could have been profitably used.

The statement below shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, at Winnipeg during the month of February, 1892, as compared with the same month in 1891:

	VALUE 1891.	VALUE 1892.
Exported	\$241,351 00	\$117,721 03
Imported, dutiable	147,655 00	169,382 00
" free	33,230 00	30,682 00
Total imported	180,885 00	199,074 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable	145,661 00	167,293 00
Entered for consumption, free	33,664 00	30,682 00
Total for consumption	179,325 00	197,975 00
Duty collected	\$ 42,380 00	\$ 51,273 30

The provincial department of agriculture has arranged for a system of grain exchange by which farmers throughout the country may secure a supply of seed wheat. Those who wish to take advantage of this arrangement will have to send in a quantity of wheat, the amount they require for sowing, and state from what part of the country they would like to procure a supply of seed and the department will forward to them by freight what they require. The grain will be received at and shipped from a warehouse in Winnipeg, which will be in charge of a competent man. The grain to be exchanged must be up to the standard called for by the Winnipeg grain exchange, and will have to pass the inspection of the Winnipeg grain inspector. The object of this exchange is to give the farmers an opportunity of procuring fresh and sound seed and to further the efforts now being made to eradicate the smut evil. Consignments of wheat sent under this arrangement will be carried free by the railway companies and should be addressed to the care of the department of agriculture, Winnipeg.

Alberta.

Fresh eggs were worth 40c a dozen recently at Edmonton.

John H. Kerr, tailor, Calgary, has sold out out to L. H. Tarrant.

W. D. Hill has opened a boot and shoe department in connection with his dry goods store at Lethbridge.

Edmonton coal has been in use in Calgary for four or five months, and gives satisfaction. It sells at \$7 a ton.

Jas. McKernan has sold out his butchering business at Edmonton to R. Vance, who has been his assistant for a long time.

X St. Jean, Edmonton, has sold the Canada hotel to H. Hotu, who has been the lessee for the past seven or eight months, for \$8,000.

Among those who will apply for wholesale liquor licenses in Calgary will be two Winnipeg houses, G. F. & J. Galt and T. A. Richards.

The Calgary board of trade has issued a circular for wide distribution, headed a "letter of information for intending settlers." It gives information about the Calgary district.

The Lethbridge *News* says that J. M. Harper, formerly of I. G. Baker & Co.'s store at Lethbridge, has entered into partnership with Strone & Co., dry goods and clothing merchants, of Brandon, Man.

A gentleman is in town from Oregon, says the Calgary *Tribune*, who is the advance guard of about 20 or 30 families who are coming to settle in the Calgary district. They are bringing some fifty carloads of cattle, horses and settlers' effects.

It is proposed to make a test for natural gas at Calgary. The C. P. R. Co. will furnish a diamond drill, and the council propose to contribute up to \$3,000. It is expected that a company will be formed to carry out the test and furnish the balance of the funds necessary.

The Calgary board of trade has despatched to R. A. James at Toronto some samples of grain, including bags of wheat, oats and barley from the Calgary district; and wheat from the Red Deer district. There were also sent specimens of Calgary building stone, and specimens of coal from Anthracite, Knee hill and Sheep creek.

M. McCauley, says the Edmonton *Bulletin*, received a letter this week from a Mr. Wood, of South Dakota, who visited Edmonton last October, asking Mr. McCauley to look up a place for him to rent for the coming season. He will come early in the season and expects to be followed by sixteen families during the summer.

J. Spencer Briscoe, of Cochrane, wants a free site and exemption from taxation for a tannery which he proposes to establish at Calgary. The Calgary council has also received a letter from Mr. Muirhead, of Port Arthur, stating that he intended this year, to erect in some part of the Northwest a 100 barrel flour mill, a 75 barrel oatmeal mill, and a 25 barrel pot barley mill, and asked what the town would do. The council telegraphed that they would support giving him a bonus of \$5,000, a free site and exemption from taxation.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Hanna Bros. are starting a sawmill at Squirrel creek, Man., near McGregor.

R. H. O'Hara, formerly of Vancouver, B. C., has entered into partnership with E. J. Barclay, of Brandon, in the lumber and coal business.

Dick & Banning's mill at Keowatin is being overhauled preparatory to the season's run. Manager Newell expects to start up on April 1st and has a cut of 11,000,000 feet in view.

R. S. Thompson, of Glenboro, Man., has sold out his lumber yard to A. R. Stevens of the same place. Mr. Thompson still continues the furniture and implement business, and will also handle vehicles of all kinds in future.

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Grain and Milling.

The farmers at Macdonald station, Man., are talking of building an elevator.

Buffalo, United States, has forty-five elevators, with capacity for 14,525,000 bushels.

The total shipments of wheat from Morden, Manitoba, up to ten days ago, amounted to 465,000 bushels.

It is reported that Mr. Muirhead, of Port Arthur, will, if he gets favorable terms, establish flour, oatmeal and pot barley mills in Calgary.

The Winnipeg grain exchange has established a charity fund, not for bursted grain men, but for general charitable purposes. The members have subscribed \$5 each to the fund.

The Board of Agriculture of Great Britain reports a decrease of wheat growing area in Scotland of 14 per cent., in Wales 10 per cent., in the southwest of England 9½ per cent. and in the rest of England 2 per cent.

A public meeting was held recently at Killarney, Man., to arrange for the construction of a grist mill there. The committee received several offers from responsible parties. It appears that the offer of a firm from Regina will be accepted.

A beautiful sample of wheat was shown on Change, Winnipeg, one day last week. The variety was Campbell's white chaff, and the sample was sent by Prof. Saunders, director of the Dominion experimental farms. The wheat was grown at Red Deer, Alberta. It appeared to be a hard wheat, and was greatly admired by the grain men present.

A number of farmer's elevators are likely to be erected in Manitoba this year. Several were established last fall at country points, and several new companies are already projected to erect elevators next summer. The low price of wheat this winter has led the farmers to hold their stuff, and they imagine that they

could do better if they could store the grains in their own hands at a shipping point.

The Edmonton district, Alberta territory, will not do much longer without a roller mill. Mackenzie, Ross, Holt, Mann and Nanton, are the applicants for letters patent incorporating a milling company with a capital of \$35,000. The parties named are all capitalists, who own a large amount of land at Edmonton, and who are, therefore, desirous of furthering the welfare of the town. What they do will be done properly.

The finest sample of wheat shown from the crop of 1891, grown anywhere in Manitoba or the territories, is probably one sent from Prince Albert by Mr. Davidson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s business at that place, to the manager of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s mill at Winnipeg. It is a practically pure red fife, and for size of berry and plumpness is a wonderfully fine sample.

The new town of Carnduff, Man., has added to her already large grain storing capacity another warehouse erected by Mr. Sproat. There are six grain dealers, Ironside, representing N. Bawlf; R. McGuiro, for the Lake of the Woods; W. A. Smith, for Roblin & Armitage; James Sproat, for J. K. McLennan; and A. N. Shaw, for Harris & Grant. The average delivery of wheat is from one thousand bushels upwards and it is of an excellent quality.

Reference was made last week to the fact that the railways will carry seed wheat in Manitoba and the territories free. This will be done between March 1st and April 15th. The wheat must be fife variety, and equal to No. 2 or better. Seed wheat offered for shipment will be examined by the shipping agent, and if equal to official sample will be forwarded. The wheat on arrival at destination will be delivered free on execution of a satisfactory bond from consignee that the wheat will be sown by him on his farm, and used for no other

purpose. Shipments intended for delivery at flag stations must be covered by special order from the traffic department of the initial line.

The Winnipeg Free Press published last Friday a portion of an article which appeared in THE COMMERCIAL several weeks earlier, regarding a test of milling qualities of Ladoga wheat, made at the Minnesota experimental farm. The Free Press concludes, that unless Ladoga wheat grown in Manitoba can make a better showing than the Minnesota article, it would be useless to encourage the growth of the variety here. THE COMMERCIAL last week published the result of a milling test with a northern-grown Ladoga wheat (Prince Albert district), which showed the wheat to possess some of the leading defects apparent in the Minnesota test.

A Change.

An important change has taken place in the paint manufacturing trade of the east. A syndicate has purchased the works of the Wm. Johnson Company and other works in Montreal and Toronto and will do business under the name of the Canada Paint Company. Wm. Johnson, the head of the Montreal concern, does not join in the new arrangement, but starts on his own account in a new factory on Mill street, Montreal, where he will no doubt meet the success, which his rare business ability entitles him to expect.

Mr. Johnson takes into his employment, in his new factory, quite a number of the most responsible assistants, who were under him in the old factory, and among the number, T. H. Rothwell, who has for many years represented the old company in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, and who is deservedly popular in those districts, not only in his own trade, but among business men generally.

While wishing success to the new combination, it is safe to say, there is no person in the northwest, who will not wish Mr. Johnson success in his new factory.

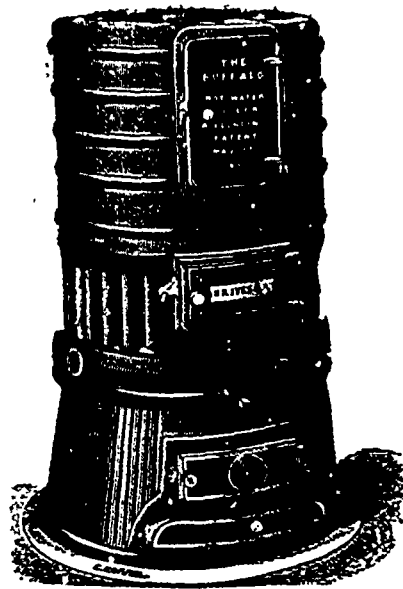
Thos. Marks, of Port Arthur, has purchased the steamer Cambria for \$7,500. She will run next season between Port Arthur and Duluth.

The most disastrous fire for years occurred at Port Arthur on February 28. The situation was the block bounded by Arthur, Cumberland, Lorne and Water streets. It started in a building occupied by S.A. Hoover as a clothing store. The buildings burned were owned by W. J. Clark. The Sill estate, Henry Foote, James Conmee's building next door was pulled down. The Marks, Dickson and Clarke blocks escaped. The loss on buildings and stock will amount to \$10,000. Insurance as nearly as can be ascertained is \$1,300 on building owned by W. J. Clark and on Hoover's stock, \$2,500. Farrell, jeweller, who occupied Clark's building saved his stock.

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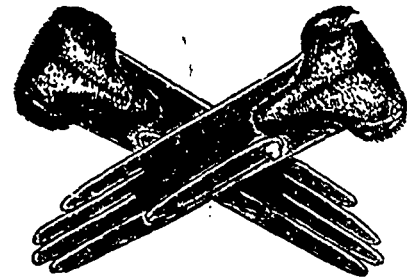
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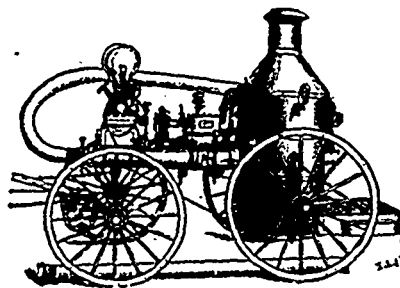
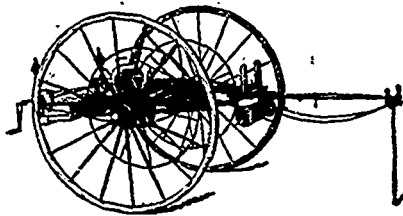
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The very mild weather which prevailed during the week had its influence upon business, in drawing attention toward spring lines, and indications point to an early movement in spring goods. Several additional building contracts were announced, and prospects seem favorable to an active season in lumber and other branches of building supplies. Spring is hardly expected to set in yet for good, but the weather has been very mild for the past week, and a continuance of the same for a short time longer will soon remove all traces of winter. In the green fruit trade apples are firm at \$3.75 to \$4 per barrel for fancy stock. California oranges are easier, but Floridas are firmer. Sugars are easier, granulated being obtainable at 5c in wood, and 5 to 10c per 100 lbs lower in bags. The market is well supplied with fresh fish, at last week's prices. A few strawberries, the first of the season, were brought in and sold retail at a fancy price. Advices from the east report that the Ontario cotton mills will be taken over by the cotton syndicate on April 1, thus increasing the strength of the cotton combine. It is also reported that three large paint manufacturers have amalgamated under the name of the Canada Paint Company, limited. The firms are Ferguson, Alexander & Co., Wm. Johnson & Co., both of Montreal, and A. G. Penchen & Co., of Toronto. The sugar trade east is still demoralized, and jobbers have been selling under cost. The sugar refiners held a meeting at Montreal on Friday to consider the situation.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.—The wheat markets have been inclined to quietness, and without important features. On Monday United States markets were slightly lower than Saturday previous. Cables were irregular, but mostly lower, and there were large receipts in northwest states, Duluth receiving 196 cars and Minneapolis 1,047 cars, for two days. The visible supply statement showed a decrease of 363,000 bushels, making the total 41,111,023 bushels, compared with 22,926,411 bushels a year ago. On Tuesday United States markets were slightly stronger, but closing prices showed very little change from the previous day. Cables were again irregular but mostly easy. Wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 640,000 bushels. Duluth receipts were 90 cars, Minneapolis 429 cars. On Wednesday United States markets were higher gaining about 1c, though the feeling was uncertain. New York was a liberal buyer. Reports as to the condition of winter wheat are beginning to influence the market, though so far reports have been contradictory. While it is admitted that the weather during February was not very favorable for winter wheat, yet at the same time there appears to be no reason to believe that the crop has received any serious setback. The month of March, however, will be the most trying time for the winter crop, and this critical period being now on, crop news will be anxiously watched for, and no doubt there will be the usual scares on this score. Early Liverpool cables on Wednesday were lower, but later were higher. Duluth received 133 cars, and Minneapolis 350 cars. On Thursday United States markets took the usual downward turn again, closing 3c lower than Wednesday, influenced by free selling to realize. Cables were higher. On Friday there was little change in the situation. Prices

in United States markets advanced slightly, on firmer cables, but later cables were easier and prices declined.

LOCAL WHEAT SITUATION.—One of the features of the week, and rather a disagreeable one, was the increase on some days of offerings of damp wheat. This was probably due to the very mild weather. The weather was soft most of the week, with rain on some days, and wheat which had ice or snow amongst it, would go damp from the thaw, and would be more readily detected than in frosty weather. A good many car lots passing Winnipeg inspection, were reported damp, and it looks as though there will be a considerable loss somewhere. This will fall upon farmers who are holding damp grain, as well as upon dealers who have purchased it. It is regrettable that there is so much damp wheat, and in fact it is also to some extent annoying that such is the case, seeing that the trouble was largely avoidable. The trouble is from winter threshing of stacks which were not in condition to thresh, and which should have been allowed to stand. More or less threshing has been going on all winter, and threshing has been done even on days when the snow was drifting badly, and when it was practically impossible to keep the grain dry. It is impossible to give an estimate of the loss from damp grain, but it is to be feared it will be considerable. It has been becoming increasingly hard of late to dispose of lowest grade stuff. No. 3 regular does not seem to be wanted any more at any price. With soft weather setting in, the outlook for the sale of very low grade stuff is not encouraging to holders. There was some increase in farmers' deliveries at country points. At a few country markets there was a fair movement, but the aggregate was light, and the movement from first hands continues very small—so small that many buyers are off country markets. The last weekly statement showed an increase of 237,670 bushels in stocks in store at Fort William, making the total 1,339,328 bushels, as compared with 580,227 bushels a year ago. The movement to store at Fort William was large in comparison with farmers' deliveries, and consequently country elevator stocks have been reduced. Manitoba country and terminal elevator stocks amount to about 3,275,000 bushels. For the week ended Feb. 27, 334 cars of wheat were inspected at Winnipeg, as compared with 276 cars for the corresponding week last year.

Following were quotations on the call board of the Winnipeg grain exchange during the week:

Monday—No. 1 hard, \$1 01½ and 1 03 bid, car lots at North Bay. No. 2 hard—Sellers at 99c to \$1 North Bay, 97c bid; \$2½ bid for in store Fort William. No. 3 hard—Sellers at 91c North Bay, and 90½ in elevator Montreal. No. 2 northern—1 car in store. William, sold at equal to 61c Manitoba. The same bid for 10 cars more. No. 1 regular—51½c bid for 12 cars, on track Manitoba point, sellers at 52c. No. 2 regular—Sellers at 41c, 39½c bid Manitoba point. No. 3 regular—Sellers at equal to 32c Manitoba point for 1 car at Montreal.

Tuesday—No. 2 hard—Sellers at \$1 North Bay, 95c bid, 10,000 bushels offered at 92c afloat at Fort William, May delivery. No. 3 hard—Offered at Montreal and 91c, 89c bid; sellers at 90c North Bay, 89½c bid; 10,000 bushels offered at 84c, afloat Fort William, May delivery. No. 2 northern—Offered at 64c country point. No. 1 regular—Sellers at 53c, 51½c bid, for 5 cars, Manitoba point, 2 cars at North Bay sold at equal to 52c Manitoba point. No. 2 regular—offered on Northern Pacific at 42c, 40c bid. No. 3 regular—Offered 31c, offered in Montreal at equal to 32c.

Wednesday—No. 1 hard, \$1.03 bid for 5 cars at North Bay. No. 2 hard—Sellers at 99c North Bay, 95c bid; sellers at 91 and 92, afloat Fort William, May delivery, for 5,000 or 10,000 bushels respectively; 53½c bid for on track Fort William, seller \$4. No. 3 hard—Two cars in elevator, Montreal, offered at 89½c, 88c bid; 88c bid North Bay; seller 83c and 83c afloat May. No. 1 regular—51c bid for ten

cars, country point; 52c bid for March Shipment. No. 2 regular—Offered on Northern Pacific at 41½c, 40½c bid, offered 70½c North Bay. Feed wheat offered at 21½ country point.

Thursday—No. 1 hard—\$1.02½ bid for round lot half March and half April shipment at North Bay. No. 2 hard—Sellers at \$1 and 99c North Bay, 98 and 98½c bid; seller 10,000 bushels afloat Fort William, May, at 92c; 83½c bid Fort William; seller 2 cars in store, Fort William, 86c—seller Grand Trunk, Ontario, 91c, 90c bid. No. 3 hard—Seller 10,000 bushels, afloat Fort William, May, 84c; 1 car sold at 90c, North Bay. No. 2 northern—Offered equal to 64c on track, country point. No. 1 regular—51c bid for ten or fifteen cars, country point, sellers 52½c; sellers afloat May at 72 and 73c, 70 bid. No. 2 regular—Sellers 41 and 42c country point, 40c bid. No. 3 regular—Sellers 32c, 31c bid, country point.

Friday—No. 1 hard \$1.02½ bid North Bay. No. 2 hard—Seller 99½c North Bay, 97c bid; 5,000 and 10,000 bushel lots were offered at Fort William, afloat May delivery, at 91 to 92c, 90c highest bid. No. 3 hard—seller 90½ North Bay, 90c bid; 10,000 bushels offered 81c afloat M.y, 79c bid. No. 2 northern—Two cars offered at 64c country point. No. 3 northern—Offered at equal to 55c country point. No. 1 regular—Sellers 5,000 and 10,000 bushels afloat May at 70½ to 72c, 69c bid, seller equal to 53 country point for in store Fort William. No. 2 regular—Fifteen cars sold at 42½ country point. No. 3 regular—Seller 30c country point, 28c bid. Feed wheat offered at 22½c country point.

On Saturday cables were lower. Telegrams indicated a better feeling in United States markets but the close was weak and lower. United States exports for the week were reported by telegram at 2,900,000 bushels, as compared with 3,300,000 bushels for the previous week. On change, Winnipeg, 3 cars No. 2 hard sold at 99c, North Bay. No. 3 hard, 90c bid for 5 cars, North Bay. No. 1 regular, 51½c bid, Manitoba country point. No. 2 regular sold at equal to 41c, Manitoba country point, for two cars en route to Sarnia, and 2 cars in store Fort William, also sold at equal to 41c Manitoba point.

FLOUR—Quotations are unchanged. Jobbing prices to the local trade in broken lots are as follows per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.40; strong bakers', \$2.20; second, do \$1.70 to \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.20 to \$1.40; superfine, \$1.10 to \$1.15. Less than 100 pound sacks 5c extra per hundred. These prices are for well known brands. Some brands selling under quotations.

MILLSUFF—Prices are irregular, and there is a wide range of quotations. Bran has been quoted at \$9.50, and even \$9 per ton, in ten ton lots, while up to \$10 and \$11 is quoted for smaller lots, to the local trade, with shorts held \$2 per ton higher. The lower quotations on bran would indicate the value at country mills, in car lots, at \$6 to \$6.50 per ton.

OATS—Car lots on track at Manitoba country points, on a 22 cent rate to Fort William, were held at 15 to 20c per bushel of 34 pounds, but these figures did not induce much business, as buyers would not bid over 16½ to 17½, for feed quality, and about 20c for cars delivered at Winnipeg. On the Winnipeg street market offerings were more liberal, and prices at 20 to 21c. On Saturday five cars of feed oats sold at 15c, country point, on a 22 cent freight rate to Fort William.

BARLEY—This grain continued very dull and slow sale. Car lots at country points were held at about 21c per bushel of 48 pounds, for feed quality, with buyers at about 20c. Winnipeg street price 20 to 22c for feed and 24 to 25c for malting samples, at local breweries. One car sold to day at 20½c, country point.

MEALS—Jobbers are selling mostly at \$2.50 for rolled oats and granulated meal, and \$2.40 for standard per sack. Some brands of standard are quoted at \$2.30, and granulated at \$2.40. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23

per ton, these prices for five ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Split peas, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$1.75 to \$2 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100

BUTTER—Views as to the outlook for butter differ widely. Some look for firm prices, while others think the top has been reached. A good deal will depend upon the weather, which will shorten or increase the usual supply of early spring butter, according to prevailing conditions. We still quote good dairy at 20c, and medium at 15 to 18c, with selected packages, in small lots, held above the top quotation.

CHEESE—Jobbing in a small way at 11c for large and 11½c for small sizes.

EGGS—Fresh Minnesota held at 21 to 23c per dozen.

CURED MEATS—Prices are locally unchanged. Dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c; smoked hams, 12 to 12½c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna sausage, 8c per pound; German sausage, 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½-lb.

LARD—Compound held at \$1.75 per pail. Pure at \$2.10 to \$2.20 per 20-lb. pail.

DRESSED POULTRY—Scarce at 11 to 13c for chickens, and 14 to 15c for turkeys.

DRESSED MEATS—The soft weather brought out larger offerings of country dressed frozen beef which sold on the street at about 4½ to 5½c per pound or 5½ to 6c for hind and 4 to 5c for forequarters. Pork steady at about 7c, mutton 10c, veal scarce at 8 to 10c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes ranged 5c lower. Following are the prices paid by dealers on the street market: Potatoes, 30 to 35c; carrots, 40 to 50c; beets, 40c per bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 2c per pound; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 60c to \$1 per dozen; onions, 2½ to 3½c per pound; horseradish 8c per pound. Dealers are selling Spanish onions at \$1.35 per crate.

HIDES—Frozen hides quoted at 3 to 3½. No. 1 cows, 3½c; steers, 4½c. Sheep and lambskins, 50 to 75c each. Tallow, 4½c rendered and 2½c for rough.

HAY—There are large offerings of pressed hay, which is usually held at \$6 to \$7 on track at Winnipeg, though a car lot sold as low as \$5 per ton, of fairly good quality. At point of shipment (country) pressed held at \$5 to \$5.50. Loose hay on the street market, \$4 to \$6 per load.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

[Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.]

On Monday trading in wheat was quiet and prices easy, and there were no features of interest in the market. Corn and oats were slightly easier. Provisions a little higher. Wheat closed ½c lower than Saturday. Wheat receipts, 246 cars. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	87½	—	90½
Corn	41½	41½	42½
Oats	23½	—	30½
Pork	11.17½	—	11.42½
Lard	6.42½	—	6.55
Short Ribs	6.77½	—	6.90

On Tuesday wheat prices were firmer. Prices advanced ½c, declined, and closed ½c higher than Monday. Trading quiet. Wheat receipts, 255 cars. Corn was firm. Oats lower. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.
Wheat	87½	90½
Corn	41½	42½
Oats	—	30½
Pork	11.20	11.45
Lard	6.45	6.57
Short Ribs	6.85	6.95

Wheat prices were higher on Wednesday, but unsettled, with more liberal buying on outside account. Prices started ½ higher, and advanced ½c, declined ½c, advanced and closed

½c higher. Receipts, 143 cars of wheat. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.
Wheat	88½	91½
Corn	41½	42½
Oats	20	30½
Pork	11.20	11.40
Lard	6.45	6.55
Short Ribs	6.85	6.95

On Thursday the wheat market opened firmer, but declined under selling pressure. Closing prices were ½c lower. Receipts, 220 cars. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.
Wheat	89	90½
Corn	41½	42½
Oats	—	30½
Pork	10.87½	11.20
Lard	6.37½	6.42½
Short Ribs	6.80	6.90

On Friday wheat advanced slightly, but soon declined on weaker private cable. Receipts, 157 cars. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.
Wheat	88½	90½
Corn	41½	42½
Oats	—	30½
Pork	10.90	11.10
Lard	6.35	6.45
Short Ribs	6.77½	6.87½

On Saturday wheat prices were higher for a time, but became very weak, and closed about 1c lower. May wheat standing at 89½c at the close. A week ago May closed at 90½c.

Minneapolis.

Following were closing wheat quotations on Thursday, March 3.

Grade.	Mar.	May.	On tr'k
No. 1 hard	—	—	86½
No. 1 northern	84½	85½	85½
No. 2 northern	—	—	80-82

Flour—Quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.60 for first patents; \$4.10 to \$4.25 for second patents; \$3.55 to \$3.95 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.50 to \$2 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. The most serious trouble has lately been to meet the foreign markets, as their prices were too much under ours to affect sales of the surplus above domestic wants.

Bran and shorts—Quoted at \$11.25 to 11.50 for bran; \$11 to 11.50 for shorts and \$12 to 12.50 for middling.

Oats—Quoted at 25 to 28½c for No. 2 white, 27½ to 28c for No. 3 white and 25½ to 27½ for No. 2 and 3.

Barley—Quiet at 30 to 40c for No. 3. Barley was as hard as ever to move. There were a few shippers, but the prices they bid were very low.

Eggs—15 to 16c per dozen, including cases.

Potatoes—Car lots, 20 to 30c a bushel, as to quality.—Market Record, March 3.

Duluth Wheat Market

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—February, 83½c; May, 88c.
Tuesday—Cash, —; March, 83½c; May, 88½c.
Wednesday—Cash, —; March, 84½c; May, 89½c.
Thursday—Cash, —; March, 81c; May, 86½c.
Friday—Cash, —; March, 84c; May, 89½c.
Saturday—Cash, —; March, 83c; May, 87½c.

A week ago February closed at 84c and May, at 89c.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, March 5, wheat prices closed as follows for No. 1 northern: March, 83½c; May, 85½c. A week ago February closed at 84c, and May 85½c for No. 1 northern.

New York Wheat Market.

On Saturday, March 5, wheat at New York closed at \$1.02½ for March and \$1.01½ for May. A week ago the close was at \$1.04½ for February and \$1.02½ for May wheat.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

John McIntosh, teas, etc., Toronto, has assigned.

Edmond Anderson, baker, Toronto, has assigned.

R. J. McNichol, confection, Toronto, has assigned.

Farrington & Hudgins, tailors, have dissolved.

W. A. Milne, general store, Morpeth, has sold out.

J. A. Hanratty, stationer, etc., Ottawa, has assigned.

Fred Fuller, grocer London West, has assigned.

R. T. Robertson, shoes, Carleton Place, has assigned.

A. M. Vineberg, clothing, Perth, moved to Kingston.

A. Davy & Son, grocers, etc., Guelph, have dissolved.

J. Gibbard & Son, furniture, Napanee, burned out.

Alex. McCullough, tanner, Ottawa, partially burned out.

A. E. Micks, hardware and tins, Sunderland, has sold out.

G. A. Whitney & Bro., tobacco, etc., Prescott, has assigned.

R. Campbell, blacksmith, Pronton Station, has assigned.

R. W. Hillyard & Co., dry goods, Prescott, has assigned.

F. Sinclair & Co., tins and plumbers, Ottawa, has assigned.

Jas. Burgess, confection, etc., Woodstock, has assigned.

S. J. Campbell, general store, Woodlands, has assigned.

W. L. Newrome & Co., hardware, Orono, has sold out.

Pray & McTaggart, general store, Alvinston, have sold out.

Malone & Crow, grocers, etc., Chatham, have dissolved.

Alex. Hamilton, furniture, Walkerton, has closed business.

W. G. Bain & Co., stoves and tins, Peterboro, have sold out.

G. C. Fraick, restaurant and confectionery, Picton, has assigned.

Keenleyside Bros., dry goods, Sarnia, advertise business for sale.

A. Thompson, wagons, etc., Tilsonburg, burned out—insured.

James Campbell, general store, baker, etc., Hawkebury, is dead.

C. Lynde & Co., general store, Mitchell, C. Lynde reported dead.

Goodwin & Co., dry goods, Ridgetown, creditor in possession.

A. Farlinger, baker, etc., Cornwall, compromised and sold out.

Cousineau, Quinn & Corrigan, dry goods, Kingston, has assigned.

P. Willits, general store, Norwich, closed up under chattel mortgage.

Wm. Mitchell & Co., grocers and liquors, Hamilton, have sold out.

P. McIntosh & Son, wholesale flour and feed, Toronto, have dissolved.

Stanley, Robertson & Co., dry goods, etc., Brantford, have dissolved.

J. M. Adam, grocer, etc., St. Marys, stock damaged by fire and water.

Wigle Bros., dry goods and groceries, Essex, have obtained an extension.

Shores, Loynes & Co., grocers, Kingston, about retiring from business.

W. W. Trimble, general store, Flesherton, has assigned to E. Sampson.

E. Balmer, general store, Gravenhurst, stock sold by assignee to J. Balmer.

Jno. McDonald general store, Meaford; succeeded by Ramsay & McDonald.

J. C. Lawrence, hardware, Florence, has sold out to Leudon & McDonald.

Alex. Johnston & Co., leather, etc., London, A. Johnston, of this firm is dead.

S. Ashfield & Co., glassware, etc., Ottawa, sold out to Bryson, Graham & Co.

M. W. Connor & Co., hardware, etc., Madoc, succeeded by Conor & Richardson.

Bourcier & Co., dry goods, Ottawa, assignee advertises stock for sale by auction.

John Payne, of John Payne & Co., commission, grain, etc., Stratford, is dead.

Robt. Fair, flour, etc.; Kate E. Baker, millinery, Gananoque, damaged by fire.

Jacques & Douglas, flour and grain, Ottawa, have dissolved; A. Jacques continues.

Novelty Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Newmarket, compromised with creditors.

J. T. Weston & Co., manufacturer stoves, etc., Tilsonburg, asking an extension.

Schleibauf Bros., saw mill, Wallacetown and West Lorne, mill burned at West Lorne.

A. A. Wilson, stationery and insurance agent, Tilbury Centre, sold out stationery business.

M. Rothschilds, tailor; N. Gauvreaux, grocer and confectioner, Mattawa, burned out.

N. Faulkner & Soc, hats and gents' furnishings, Ottawa, assignee advertises stock for sale.

Schwaller & Peterson, grocers and hardware, Thorold, have dissolved—W. T. Peterson continues.

Simpson & Co., dry goods, Dresden, stock sold to J. H. McClung, Toronto, at 50 cents on the dollar.

Mrs A. McNeil, hardware, grocer, etc., Woodville, stock bought by mortgagee and out of business.

G. P. Hughes, general store and publisher, Tottenham and Kenansville, has sold out Tottenham business.

Billiaghurst, Smyth & Co., manufacturers agents, Toronto, Smyth reported away and business will be closed up.

R. Truax & Co., saw and planing mills, Walkerton; P. Truax retiring—business to be continued by R. Truax.

Marshall Loyst, general store, Wheatley, has admitted E. Hanson into partnership—style now Loyst & Hanson.

Blonde Bros., saw mill, Chatham, have admitted J. Dowling into partnership under style Blonde Bros. & Dowling.

QUEBEC.

Abraham Ball, grocer, Portneuf, is dead.

J. E. Halle, macaroni, Quebec, dissolved.

J. A. Allard, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.

Antoine Joyal, hotel, St. Hyacinth, is dead.

N. Lafortune, tailor, Montreal, has assigned.

Chas. Ricknor, fruits, Montreal, has assigned.

H. & J. Bisson, grocers, Levis, have assigned.

J. T. Bere, tins, etc, Montreal, has assigned.

Bryson Bros., bakers, Montreal, have assigned.

Phaneuf Ambrose, leather, Montreal, is dead.

Smith & Bragg Chemical Co., have dissolved.

Carroll & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have assigned.

P. E. Desparois, shoes, Valleyfield, has assigned.

J. H. Knapton, general store, Bedford, has assigned.

P. Campbell, grist mill, Lachute Mills, has assigned.

Etienne Boudet, fancy goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Martin & Labelle, dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved.

Albert Gaudet, general store, St. Monique, has assigned.

F. X. Godbont, dry goods and shoes, Lauzon, has assigned.

Aime Trudeau, general store, Windsor Mills, has assigned.

Labelle & Co., dry goods, Montreal, have compromised.

Vineburgh & Co., clothing, Montreal, have compromised.

Campbell & Ferguson, grocer, Sherbrooke, have assigned.

J. N. E. Marchaud, gents' furnishings, Montreal, has assigned.

Le Syndicat Ouvrier, furniture, etc., Montreal, has dissolved.

L. N. Lucier & Co., shoes, St. Hyacinthe, offering compromise.

Jas. Fish, Furniture and groceries, Lachute Mills, has assigned.

F. A. St. Laurent, auctioneer and furniture, Quebec, has assigned.

J. Bilodeau & Fils, general store, St. Marie de Beauce, have assigned.

Marc. Palardy, general store, etc., Eastman; demand of assignment made.

Jean Bilodeau, general store and cheese factory, St. Elzear, has assigned.

E. Riuter, Ins. and hardware, Cowansville, has sold his stock to N. Buzzell.

Genereux & Lachance, dry goods, Quebec; stock damaged by fire and water.

R. B. Greynold, distiller, Berthierville; assets advertised for sale by tender.

Felix Gourdeau, tanner and leather, Quebec; assets advertised for sale by curator.

Lyman, Sons & Co., wholesale drugs, Montreal, Roswell C. Lyman of this firm is dead.

NOVA SCOTIA

Jas. Scott & Co., grocers, Halifax, suspended.

Miss Bridget T. Burns, millinery, has assigned.

R. H. Campbell, grocer, Halifax, has assigned.

J. E. Preghent, trader, L'Ardoise, has assigned.

J. H. McClelland, New Germany, has assigned.

F. A. Clarke, contractor, Berwick, has assigned.

J. A. Cowan, trader, Ship Harbor, has assigned.

J. E. Wilson, stoves, etc, Halifax, has assigned.

W. L. Temple, wholesale teas, Halifax, has assigned.

C. E. McKeen & Co., shoes, Truro; succeeded by Truro E. & S. Co.

Lauchlan McDonald, general store, River Hebert, has assigned.

Dodds & Jolly, dry goods and knitted goods, Yarmouth, have dissolved.

Downie & Larsen, shoes, Halifax, offering compromise at 50 per cent.

The estate of Gillies & McDonald, general store, Sydney, have assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

E. C. Palmer, tailor, Dorchester, has assigned.

J. P. Lynch, commissioner, St. John, has assigned.

Henry Dunbrack, plumber, St. John, has assigned.

T. J. H. Williamson, grocer, St. Andrews, has assigned.

A. V. LeBlanc, (White), general store Roger-ville, has assigned.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

The full board met Wednesday last and the resolutions below, submitted by the council, were adopted. An amendment proposing the diminishing of the membership fees from \$25 to \$15 was voted down.

Following are the resolutions submitted by the council: "Your committee to whom was referred the communication from the Quebec board of trade re customs, beg leave to report that they have interviewed Mayor G. H. Young, inspector of district No. 5, and Col Scott collector of this district, and found those officers willing to communicate freely and give all possible information, but not at liberty to make any suggestions. We found the information so obtained very interesting and valuable.

"After due consideration of the communication of the Quebec board, your committee beg to report that there are some points of same that they could not recommend to your support; but they would recommend that the board petition the minister of customs to have the customs act amended, or the regulations connected with the same, so as to provide:—

"First, That after goods have gone into consumption, no port entry shall be asked, except in case of fraud.

"Second. That all orders of council, departmental decisions and rulings of the board of appraisers as to rates of discount, valuation, and rate for duty, whether on goods or on packages, and all decisions regarding packages being liable to duty or otherwise, and, if dutiable, the value of the same, be promptly communicated to the customs officer of every port of entry within the Dominion, and that the same be at all times accessible to the public.

"Third. That all decisions of legal appraisers affecting the value or rate of duty, where found to be correct, be promptly communicated through the board to customs officers at other ports, so as to endeavor to make the rate or amount of duty collected on a given quantity of a given article, as near as possible, uniform throughout the Dominion, as well as thereby provide a supervision over the work of the local appraisers.

"All of which is respectfully submitted."

TRADE WITH NEWFOUNDLAND.

The following resolution was submitted from the Dominion Millers' association in reference to the flour trade, which has been completely barred by the heavy duty on flour imposed by Newfoundland:

"That pending the settlement of this vexed and troublesome issue between Canada and Newfoundland, the Dominion Millers' association respectfully ask that the Dominion government take some steps for the immediate relief of trade, and would respectfully urge that this could be best obtained by the arrangement of a "modus vivendi," whereby products might be exchanged between the two countries upon the old terms until diplomacy has produced a permanent settlement.

This resolution was endorsed, and a petition covering these grounds was sent to the Dominion government and a copy to the millers' association.

A letter was received from a Mrs. Sinclair offering to sell a receipt for the prevention of smut, but the offer was declined, the board not seeing its way to purchasing such.

STONEWALL BRANCH EXTENSION.

Chas. Castle, of Foxton, on behalf of residents in that district, addressed a letter to the board asking them to use their influence with the C.P.R. to continue the Stonewall branch 20 miles in the Balmoral district. The board passed the following resolution:

"That this board desire to draw attention of the managers of the C.P.R. company to the necessity for an extension of the Stonewall branch of their road for a distance of not less than twenty miles in a northerly direction seeing that there is at present an extensive settlement in the vicinity of where such an extension

would reach, the population being over 1,100 and the number of resident farmers over 200, many of whom have been settled over a dozen years, while the available grain for export this season has exceeded 150,000 bushels; therefore this board would urge the extension of this road this year if possible."

CONNECTION WILL BE MADE.

It was reported at the council that all arrangements were completed for the immediate connection of the Transfer railway with the C.P.R., the Transfer company having purchased a piece of land between the end of their rails and the C.P.R. track.

THE BROKENHEAD BRIDGE.

A petition from the residents of the Brokenhead district, praying the lieutenant governor for a bridge in that district, was endorsed by the board, and a resolution recommending the same to the favorable consideration of the local government was adopted.

Revising the Tax List.

The committee of the Winnipeg city council on legislation met with a committee of the board of trade Wednesday evening to consider the questions of a business tax on corporations and income tax. There were present the mayor, Alderman Jameson, in the chair, Dawson, Gilroy, Calder, Carruthers, and Muir; and Messrs. Ashdown, Bull, W. R. O'Loughlin and A. Strang, assessment commissioner Harris and city solicitor. The mayor pointed out the unfairness of the system under which the man who puts his capital into mercantile stock has to pay taxes, while the man who puts his into bank stock or insurance company stock goes free.

On motion of the Mayor it was resolved, after considerable discussion, to recommend that a tax be placed on every chartered bank not exceeding \$200.

Mr. Ashdown moved and it was recommended that fire and life insurance companies be taxed at a rate not exceeding \$200, and guarantee companies and accident companies be taxed not exceeding \$50.

On motion of the Mayor the sum of not exceeding \$300 was agreed upon.

On motion of Mr. Strang it was agreed that electric telegraph and telephone companies should be taxed not exceeding \$100.

No special tax on electric light companies was favored.

A proposal to tax commission merchants, brokers, etc., doing business in the city \$80 annual tax, met with some opposition from Mr. O'Loughlin, who held that such a step might lead to other municipalities adopting a similar tax, and thereby restricting the operations of commercial travellers. The meeting adjourned until 7.30 on Friday, leaving the last mentioned question and others, for consideration then.

The 37th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co. was held at the company's building, Toronto St., Toronto, on Wednesday, 24th Feb. The total sum lent by this company last year was \$1,612,055, while the receipts of interest and principal were \$2,414,090, which is described as the largest amount received in twelve months. The company's total assets now reach the great sum of \$12,091,772. After providing for losses, actual or expected, interest on borrowed capital (\$310,546) and cost of management, the net earnings sufficed to pay twelve per cent dividend on the increased capital, and \$10,000 to the reserve fund, and \$2,096 to the contingent fund. These two funds now amount to \$1,562,252. In reviewing the history of the past year the President, J. H. Mason, reminded the shareholders that in all the years of the company's existence there had never been one which failed to yield them 12 per

cent upon the stock. He further stated that the good results are largely due to the efforts of the several officers and employees of the company who discharged their duties in an efficient and praiseworthy manner. This, he stated, applies not only to the staff at head office, but equally to the officers of the Winnipeg branch, under the supervision of their zealous and able general agent, Geo. F. Harris.

The convention of the United States lumbermen at Washington adopted a constitution and elected the following permanent officers: President, C. W. Goodyear, of Buffalo, N. Y.; vice president, H. M. Loud, Michigan; H. G. Fitzgerald, Vermont. W. D. Dickerson, Alabama; Geo. W. Sissons, New York; F. Wriehauser, Illinois; J. B. Whise, Missouri; A. J. Nismeyer, Arkansas; C. C. Mengel, jr., Kentucky; H. Letcher, Texas; B. F. Nelson, Minnesota, P. D. Norton, Washington, and M. Famorons, Georgia. The legislative committee reported that the ways and means committee of the house would grant their delegates a hearing to-morrow morning in opposition to Representative Bryan's bill putting lumber on the free list.

The report of the directors, presented at the annual general meeting of the Bank of British North America, held in London, England, on March 1, was a favorable one. The introduction to the report stated that the "court of directors have pleasure in submitting the accompanying balance sheet to the 31st December last, showing, with £5,144, 14s 10d. brought forward from last account, the sum of £40,563, 19s. 9d as the available profit for the half year then ended. Out of this amount the directors have now to report the declaration of a dividend of 40s per share payable, free of income tax, on the 2nd April next, making a distribution of 7½ per cent. for the year 1891, and leaving a balance of £6,833, 19s 9d to be carried forward."

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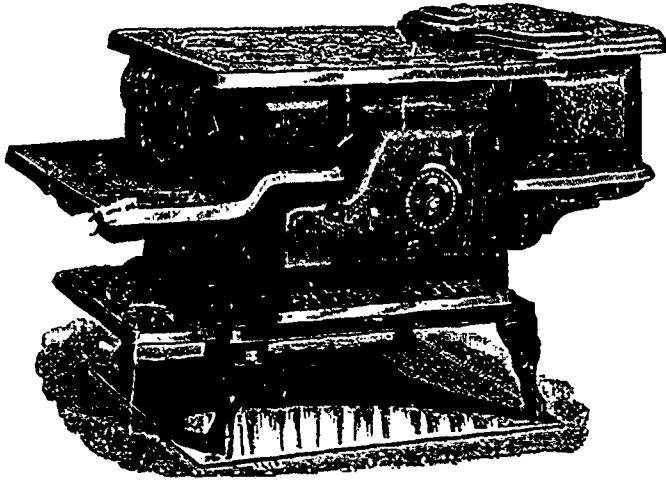
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British Columbia Business Review.

March 1st, 1892.

The salmon fishery commission has been in session all week and a large volume of evidence taken. Long ago THE COMMERCIAL pointed out the necessity of such a commission and when announced it highly commended the same. Results have shown the wisdom of what has been undertaken. Perhaps more has been brought out of interest and value in connection with the salmon industry than was ever adduced in any form before. The commissioners are evidently bound to probe the subject to the bottom, fearlessly and impartially, and it is only to be regretted that the scope of their investigation was not a little broader, so as to include the whole fisheries of the coast. This week, evidence having been exhausted at Westminster, the committee will have its sittings at Victoria.

The Squamish, in which there is a growing settlement, is regarded as a promising valley. The settlers are now praying to be incorporated and also petitioning to have the river cleared of snags and stocked with salmon. A company is being organized to run a steamer between Vancouver and Squamish and trade.

A proposition to dyke the Delta is taking shape. Messrs. Keefer and Smith, civil engineers, are working a scheme whereby the municipality will not only be protected but a considerable area of land reclaimed from the sea, the total area included being about 35,000 acres. Along the sea front of the Delta there are long stretches of tide flats, which when the tide is out extend for miles and are dry and solid as a road. It is not known whether it is intended to include all this, but the thing is not impracticable.

John Rosenfeld, Sr., has been in Nanaimo, and in speaking of the state of the coal market in San Francisco, said it was flooded with cheap coal, owing to the low rates of freight. He says that British Columbia coal is preferred and if reduced in price 50 cents per ton would control the market.

Thos. Earle, M.P., Victoria, has been telling a reporter what the programme of wants is that will be presented by himself and Col. Prior at Ottawa, viz.: New custom house and post office; dredging Victoria harbor; improvement mail service north coast; increase salaries of civil servants in this province, amendment marine laws, taking over of care British Columbia lepers, the use of the steamship Quads without reference to Ottawa whenever ship wrecks occur.

A funny petition has been forwarded from the Port Townsend chamber of commerce to Washington, being a plea for the killing off of seals on the grounds that they are destructive of economic fishes and that the seal fur trade is maintained solely to suit the tastes of the rich and is covered by a monopoly. It is suspected that the real promoters of this petition are the paloge sealers who make their headquarters in Port Townsend.

The arrangements anticipated in THE COMMERCIAL two weeks ago for a direct line of steamships between Portland and British Columbia ports and through railway freight connections by way of Vancouver with Seattle have been completed and announced. Arrangements have also been made by the C. P. R. for a circuit of excursions taking in Portland, Spokane, Nelson, Revelstoke, Vancouver, etc., for the summer season.

A petition is being circulated asking the provincial government to remove the tax on mortgages. It is contended that double taxation on

property is thereby affected, with land and mortgages being taxed which ultimately falls on the mortgagor. A better way is suggested of taxing loan companies, etc., doing business in the province, and that is to assess their income from investments.

It is quite probable that the worst fears regarding a rush to the Kootenay mines will be realized. It is said that there are 15,000 persons at Spokane waiting to cross over when navigation opens. Such a condition of affairs can only result in a boom such as was experienced in Winnipeg with well known effects. If the right sort of people were to go in, capitalists and practical miners with a view mainly to the development of the mines it would be all right, but it is to be feared that speculators, laborers, men without any particular occupation, too many traders and so on will form a large proportion of those making the rush. There are no internal resources in the Kootenay sufficiently developed as yet to support a large population which must live on each other in the mean time. The consequence of this is inevitable; exodus, depression and a black eye to a part of the country which is illimitably rich if worked on legitimate lines. It will help out a few town site holders no doubt, but that will hardly weigh in the scales with results such as are sure to follow.

The Vancouver Telegram is authority for the statement that in all probability the bulk of the opium carrying trade will be transferred to the C. P. R. route from the Suez canal way. It is said that negotiations towards that end are under way and rapid transit being a desirable feature in connection with the traffic referred to the dealers controlling the opium supply of the east are desirous of adopting the new line.

And still another successful halibut fishing expedition has been made—this time by the British Columbia Fishing and Trading Co.'s steamer the Iona. She made a quick trip and caught fifteen tons of remarkably fine fish. The fish have been stored and are being shipped to various points on the coast. In this connection it may be stated that more or less details of the crofter fishing scheme have been made public, which, so far as the Government is concerned, is likely to prove successful. Some opposition had been raised to the scheme by members of Parliament, but it was largely the result of not being acquainted with what was proposed to be done. Now that it is understood to be a commercial project with extensive ramifications, that it is not intended to colonize the west coast with crofters without means of support or employment and that no competition with existing labor can result, it is likely to receive pretty general support. That some such enterprise is necessary to make the fishing industry a success is shown by the experience of the halibut fishing so far. The trouble is to find a market, now that we have the fish. All the large cities of the United States are a legitimate field in which to sell our fish from St. Paul to Boston, but the whole United States market is in the hands of a combine, which will not handle western fish at any price. What is wanted is sufficient capital to force the market and handle fish independent of the combine. This the Commercial Company at the back of the crofters will be able to do.

The right of way for the Burrard Inlet and Westminster Valley railway, which is intended to connect the Northern railway at Sumas and Vancouver is being secured.

The annual meeting of the Westminster board of trade was held last week and was well attended. Among the matters discussed were the representation of the province at the world's fair, the imposition of a duty of \$2 per thousand on southern pitch pine, the deepening and straightening of the Fraser from Harrison river downwards as far as necessary to lower higher water, the appointing of a U. S. consular agent at Westminster, the making of a separate Westminster pilotage district with a special pilot for the Fraser, a road through the centre of Lulu Island to connect with the

bridge, the proposal asking the government to bonus the shipbuilding industry, the subsidizing the Telephone as a naval steamer between the North Arm and New Westminster, the formation of a brigade of garrison artillery with headquarters in Westminster and the appointment of a committee to enquire thoroughly into the openings for new industries and enterprises in and about the city. All of the above were either recommended and endorsed or referred to committees to report upon.

B. C. MARKET REPORT.

Business remains quiet, collections slow and money tight. Prospects are reported as unusually bright.

LUMBER—There is not much new to report in the situation of the foreign lumber trade. The Hastings mills, Vancouver, has a large number of ships under charter to load, but prices are low. Lumber freights from British Columbia or Puget Sound are nominal at 32s 6d to Sydney; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 45s; west coast of South America, 35s, with a downward tendency. The rates of the Glenbervie and British India, reported last week as chartered for Valparaiso for orders, are 37s 6d. Grain freights from San Francisco to the United Kingdom show a firmer tone. A charter has been made at 32s 6d to Cork, with usual options. From Tacoma and Portland quotations are nominal at 22s 6d. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough, merchantable ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9, laths, 4 feet, \$2.

FLOUR AND FEED.—The tone of the flour market has decidedly improved and the cut in Manitoba brands are evidently at an end. Prices have advanced 20 cents. Hungarian, both Keewatin and Ogilvie, is quoted at \$5.98; strong bakers, \$1.60; ladies choice, \$5.95; prairie Lilly, \$5.65; Oregon, \$6.25; Spokane, \$5.65; Enderby mills: Premier, \$5.85; three star, \$5.70; two star, \$1.35. Oatmeal, eastern, \$3.40; California, \$4. National mills, Victoria \$3.65; rolled oats, eastern, \$3.40; California, \$3.90; National mills, \$3.25; cornmeal, \$3.10; split peas, \$3.50; pearl barley, \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale: Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; China rice, do, \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal, do, \$17.50; chopped feed, \$33 to 35 per ton; bran, \$24; shorts, \$25; oats, \$30 to 32; wheat \$35 to 40; oil cake, \$40. Above are jobbing quotations. Quotations for car lots of grain delivered are unaltered.

FISH—Market is bare except in halibut, salmon and one or two small varieties. Quotations are: Halibut, 7 to 8c; salmon, 8 to 10c; cod, 5 to 6c; smelts, 8c; herring, 5c.

EGGS—Oregon eggs are coming in freely at 23 to 25c, and fresh ranches eggs found slow sale at 29 and 30c. May be quoted in a few days at 25 to 28c; limed eggs are 20c, and fresh eastern 23c. General egg market is on the decline and dealers are rushing stocks in hand.

BUTTER—Creamery is plentiful at 28 to 29c, and large stocks dairy of medium quality quoting from 17 to 20c. A 1 dairy is worth 22c.

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CURED MEATS—There is an uneasy feeling in the meat market. Stocks are large and considerable cutting in prices. No less than seven carloads are on the way, so that the market must necessarily depend for some time to come, although prices are lower than the market in the east would justify. It is reported that American hams are offered in Victoria at 11c. Regular quotations are: hams, 13 to 13c; breakfast bacon, 12c to 13c; long clear rolled, 10c to 11c; smoked 12c; backs, salt dry, 11c; smoked, 12c to 13c. Pure kettle rendered lard, 12c to 13c; steam rendered, 11c to 12c; compound, 11 to 11c.

DRESSED MEATS AND LIVE STOCK—Six carloads beef cattle have arrived for the British Columbia Cattle Co., shipped from Calgary for various points in the province. Quotations remain un-

changed as follows: Dressed beef 9c; hogs, 12c; mutton, 13 to 13½c. Steers, 5c; cows, 4½c; hogs, 7½c; sheep 7c.

BRIEF BUSINESS NOTES.

Vancouver gas works are to be extended.
 J. W. Brown, East Wellington, has assigned.
 Gordon & Rubb, Westminster, have dissolved partnership.
 Mrs. Brewster, Victoria, is offering a lease of her brewery.
 The Wannuk Packing Co. is putting up canned clams.
 Lamby Bros., hotel, Eaderby, have sold out to N. W. Wright.
 Victoria lumbermen are considering a new schedule of prices.
 Spratt & Gray intend building a new wharf at Victoria, 40x100 feet.
 A. W. Presley, Chilliwack, merchant, has assigned to A. M. Nelson.
 The new Phoenix brewery on Esquimalt road will be running by the first of May.
 Rand Bros. are closing their New Westminster office at the end of this month.
 J. Edwards, general storekeeper, Chilliwack, has sold out to Wm. Chadrey.
 Wm. Turnbull & Co., contractors, New Westminster, have secured an extension.
 The Victoria vinegar and pickle factory is sending out its first manufacture of pickles.
 Good brick clay has been found near Nanaimo and a company has been formed to work it.
 The Vancouver Water Works were handed over to the city on Monday, February 29th.
 Raymond & Son, lime merchants, Victoria, have dissolved; John Raymond, Sr., continues.
 There is talk of the Columbia Flouring Mills Company building another mill at Swan Lake.
 The Pacific Building Society, Vancouver, will hold its fourth drawing next Saturday evening.
 The C.P.R., it is reported, will build an independent line between Nanaimo and Victoria.
 A man named Innes has left Chilliwack owing various amounts aggregating about \$7,000.
 The Miners' Protective Association has expended \$81,000 in support of the Wellington strike.
 W. P. Robinson, formerly of Winnipeg, has been appointed deputy-sheriff for the Nelson district.
 R. V. Winch, Vancouver, brought in a consignment last week of 1000 pounds poultry from Winnipeg.
 Edward Gould is opening the Vancouver Collateral and Savings' Bank, in the Dougall House block.
 Surrey citizens have had large meetings to protest against bill on Legislature validating Surrey debentures.
 Reinhardt & Walker proprietors of the Janion Hotel store, Victoria, have dissolved partnership; Walker continues.
 Victoria is making another addition to its industries in the shape of a factory for the manufacture of jute bags.
 Tomorrow at Esquimalt the cargo of lumber belonging to the condemned ship Dominion will be sold by public auction.
 The *North Pacific Weekly Commonwealth* to be devoted to the natural resources of the province is to be issued shortly.
 Edward White has acquired the interest of the Brown estate in the business of Brown & White, dry goods, Victoria.
 Jas. Leamy got judgment for \$18,700 against Nelson Bennett on account of work done New Westminster Southern railroad.
 The banks doing business in British Columbia have decided to only accept American silver at a discount of 5 per cent.
 Capt. Sheets, Okanagan, who took a carload of ore to the Tacoma smelter has concluded that it will not pay to ship ore so far.

Carl Haach, ten years manager of the Sohl Furniture Manufacturing Co., has retired owing to ill health and goes south.

Chas. N. Cameron has bought out Joseph Gosnell, grocer, Victoria, and takes over the business on the first of next month.

Geo. Langley, at present manager for Geo. Morrison, druggist, Milena, will shortly be admitted to the estate into partnership.

A. E. Allan, of the Allan Line of Steamships, was a passenger by the Empress China. He speaks highly of the service and steamships.

A. W. Scullar, assignee, is asking for tenders for bankrupt stock and tools late Robertson Bros., hardware, stoves, etc., Vancouver.

Some Victoria insurance companies are refusing to take risks on houses lighted by electricity unless wires are the best and put in by competent workmen.

The boot and shoe factory in connection with the British Columbia Tanning Co., Nanaimo, is to be shut down temporarily. Stock in hand too large for demand.

The board of trade building association, Victoria, has met with gratifying success and the new building is a certainty. Up to date of last meeting \$26,200 had been subscribed.

The chief department mines and mining World's Fair has written to U. S. Consul Myers asking him to use his influence in obtaining mining exhibit from British Columbia.

A meeting of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway company is called at the office of the British Columbia Land and Investment company, Victoria, on March 12th, to elect directors and adopt by-laws.

M. J. Cockrane, Samuel Beun and William B. Book, of the Aberdeen and Victoria railway company, propose to build a railway from Aberdeen to a good harbor on the Straits where connection will be made by ferry with Victoria.

Mr. Sexsmith, reeve of Richmond, has just returned from a trip east. He says he interviewed Mr. Van Horne and C.P.R. officials about a road to Lulu Island. He was assured the construction will be proceeded with this summer.

C. F. Pretty, New Westminster, has made application to the Vancouver council for a bonus of deed of water lot or 99 years' lease to establish fish curing and drying establishment to employ one hundred men and exemption from taxation for ten years.

W. R. Hull, Calgary, has been in the province and reports prospects for cattle trade exceptionally good. He says the retail prices of beef on the coast are too high, compared with the wholesale, and thinks the dealer, east of the mountains, should profit as well as the butchers.

The Royal City Planing company has shipped a large bill of fir stuff packed on a double car and consigned to J. B. Fairgrieve & Son, of Hamilton, Ont. The lumber is planed and run in various sizes. There are 60 feet of sills, 6 and 3½ inches; 32 feet flooring, and one beam 60 feet long by 8x14 inches. It will be used for boat building.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Patrons and Merchants.

Editor Commercial.

As I am living in a part of this province where the organization known as the Patrons of Industry have been at work lately, and as they are making such outrageous demands upon the country retailer with threats of boycotting unless their demands are complied with, I write this to see if it is not time for the wholesale and retail trade to come to some understanding for the purpose of protecting themselves against the unjust demands made by this organization.

The demands they are making on the retailer

here is to come under contract with them, and on that contract you agree to sell them goods at an advance of 12½ per cent. on invoice price, and you also agree to produce your invoice for their inspection whenever called upon by any of their members to do so. After signing this contract they issue a charter to you, making your store a charter one, for which you pay them \$13.

Now, any merchant that knows anything about his business, is well aware that he cannot supply them with goods at the above advance on invoice price and have his balance come out on the right side at the end of the year, for it takes on an average about one-half of the above percentage to lay the goods down in his store from the wholesale warehouse and on the balance of the percentage allowed he has to pay for fuel, light, taxes, insurance, dead stock, hired help, rent, interest on money invested, and make his living besides, which is simply impossible, and the country merchant that attempts it will certainly come to a disastrous end, which will inflict loss upon the wholesaler that supplies him with goods, as well as injury to the honest retailer who is trying to pay his hundred cents on the dollar.

I have heard of some retail merchants that are agreeing to the above terms. Now, all I have to say about them is this, that they are either knaves or fools, and if they are the former the wholesaler will likely be called upon to assist them in the fraud by making out duplicate invoices with an advance on actual prices, and if he is the latter, the wholesaler is sure to suffer in the end, which is not far distant.

Now, what I would like to see the wholesale trade do, is this, to refuse to sell goods to merchants that agree to such terms, unless his cash accompanies the order, and, also, refuse to be a party to the above fraud of making out duplicate invoices, and what I expect of the retail trade is, to refuse to buy goods from the wholesaler that supplies goods to the above merchants, unless he is satisfied that the above merchant is compelled to pay spot cash for his supplies.

Hoping to hear the opinion of other merchants on the above subject, through the medium of your valuable journal, I remain

Yours respectfully,
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Assiniboia.

W. J. Smith, tailor, Moosomin, has sold out to R. Smart.

J. Y. Turner, grocer, Carnduff, reported moving to Melita.

The new hotel at Grenfell was opened on the 25th inst. R. A. Copeland is the proprietor.

Mr. Osment, merchant, Indian Head, is moving into his new store, which is one of the finest buildings in the territory.

A stock of drugs sold under chattel mortgage at Indian head was purchased by Mr. Orchard, who intends opening a drug store there. Mr. Orchard comes from the east, and is a practical druggist.

Dr. E. H. Scott has re-purchased the drug store business and stock at Moosomin. Theo. C. Sweet has bought out Dr. Scott's interest in the drug business lately owned by Hill & Row, at Whitewood.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Regina board of trade was held last week. The president gave an interesting and valuable address. The treasurer's statement showed an expenditure of about \$700.00, principally in immigration work. Two new members were added to the board. The officers and council for 1892 are as follows:—president, H. Le Jeune; vice-president, J. Moody; treasurer, R. B. Ferguson; secretary, R. J. Steel. Council: D. Mowat, J. W. Smith, J. Ducau, L. C. Rogers, R. Martin, J. A. MacCaul, R. J. Tunney, P. Lamont, J. Jackson, J. K. McInnis. Board of Arbitration: W. C. Fowler, J. F. Mowat, A. Martin, J. A. Paddock, D. J. Robertson, L. Munson, R. H. Williams, F. H. Skias, K. Paul, J. J. Young, N. F. Davin, C. H. Black, H. Le Jeune, J. Moody, R. B. Ferguson.

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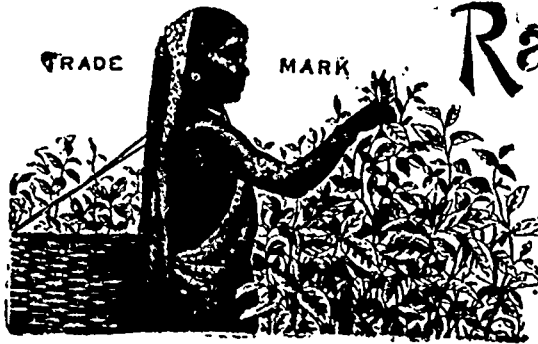
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FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifth annual meeting of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company was held at the head office, corner Young and Colborne streets, Toronto, on 28th January. A large number of stockholders and policy holders were present, among others Messrs. George Gooderham, A. F. Gault (Gault Bros. & Co., Montreal,) Robert Archer, president Board of Trade, Montreal; Wm. Bell, Guelph; S. F. McKinnon, Frederick Nicholls, Samuel May, C. J. Warren, R. L. Patterson, Dr Jas. F. W. Ross, Robt. Crean, Alex. Manning, E. J. Lennox, T. G. Blackstock, Henry Lowndes and others. Mr. George Gooderham occupied the chair, and Mr. John F. Ellis, managing director, acted as secretary. At the request of the Chairman the Secretary read the annual Report, which was as follows:—

THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Directors have much pleasure in again meeting the

policyholders and shareholders, and laying before them a statement of the transactions of the company for the year 1891.

During the year, 1,573 applications for insurance, amounting to \$2,277,600, were received. Of these 1,454 for \$1,093,100 were approved and policies issued; 86 for \$108,500 were declined, 7 for \$40,000 were withdrawn, and 26 for \$36,000 were held over.

On the thirteen applications, for \$35,000, held over from 1890, nine policies were issued for \$18,000, while four applications (for \$17,000) were declined, making a total issue for the year of 1,463 policies, for \$2,111,100, not including 21 paid-up policies for \$6,478.

The total business in force at 31st December last amounted to \$7,413,761, under 4,468, policies. The total cash receipts for the year were \$207,436.49, and the total expenditure, including death claims, amounted to \$124,734.48. The assets of the company were increased during the year by \$86,219.16, making the total assets at 31st December \$437,959.11.

CASH ACCOUNT.

1891.	1891.
To cash on hand and in bank 1st January, 1891. \$ 28,907 54	By salaries, commissions, rents, taxes, medical fees and other expenses of management \$ 77,024 77
" cash received for premiums 194,029 35	" death claims 35,208 53
" cash for interest and rents 13,457 14	" surrendered policies 2,660 79
" investments and advances repaid 59,418 66	" re-insurance premiums 9,345 60
	" investments 139,293 74
	" profit and loss, 10 per cent. written off office furniture 495 30
	" cash on hand and in bank 31,784 47
\$295,812 69	\$295,812 69

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.	Liabilities.
1891.	1891.
By Dominion bonds \$ 53,000 00	To assurance fund \$289,045 00
" Municipal debentures 46,822 40	" Outstanding medical fees, etc 1,616 84
" Call loans on security of bank stocks (Dominion and Imperial Banks) 25,000 00	" Death claims adjusted, not resisted 6,000 00
" Mortgages on real estate 200,253 30	" 10 per cent. held for costs of collecting, deferred and outstanding premiums 5,989 64
" Life interest 440 00	\$302,651 48
" Reversion 3,522 00	Surplus on policyholders' account 135,307 63
" Bills receivable 2,051 14	
" Loans on policies 2,123 85	
" Office furniture 4,457 75	
" Agents' balances, etc 3,268 47	
" Outstanding premiums 43,041 94	
" Deferred premiums 16,854 54	
" Interest due and accrued 5,339 25	
" Cash on hand and in bank 31,784 47	
\$437,959 11	\$437,959 11
	Capital Stock paid up 127,320 00
	NOTE:—
	Surplus as above on policyholders' account . . . \$135,307 63
	Add uncalled capital stock 493,680 00
	Total surplus on policyholders' account \$628,987 64

The report was received with much satisfaction and was unanimously adopted, the President observing that the progress in the past years was a matter of congratulation, and that the company was

on the high road to prosperity. Messrs. Townsend and Stephens were appointed auditors, Mr. George Gooderham was re-elected president, and Messrs. W. Bell and S. F. McKinnon, vice-presidents, for the year.

Toronto Markets.

Flour—Some dealers experienced a little more enquiry, but at prices which prevented business. Five cars branded straight roller sold yesterday at equal \$4.15. Toronto freights, in wood. Extra was nominal at \$4.

Millfeed—Bran firm, with a demand, but very little offered. Manitoba is selling at \$16, including sacks, delivered at Ontario points. Ontario millers are getting \$13 to \$14 for car lots. Shorts dull and weak; a car was bought west at \$12.50.

Wheat—Quiet and steady, though rather more was done than yesterday. Millers bought standard winter at 87c and straight at 89c. Some spring was bought on the midland for export at 89c, as it runs. On call 96c was bid for No. 1 fall, and 93c for No. 2. No. 1 regular sold at North Bay at 81c. No. 1 hard at \$1.05; No. 2 hard at \$1.00½ and \$1, and No. 3 hard at 92½ to 93c.

Barley—Firm, with a fair enquiry, but prices irregular. Some of the local brewers are still running bare, and were buyers to-day of No. 3 extra at 50c. Glasgow does not appear to want any, for no answers were received for cable offers. No. 1 was wanted outside at 54½, No. 2 sold north yesterday at 50½c and choice No. 3 extra above to-day at 46c. No. 3 extra is worth 43 to 44c outside.

Oats—Were weaker, with offerings larger. Stocks at most outside points are heavy. On spot there were sales at 33 and 33½c, and at North Bay Manitoba sold at 33 and 33½c. Ontario white sold east at 30c, and white and mixed sold north and west at 30c, with more offered at that price, but not taken.

Oatmeal—Dull and hard to sell. Export orders light; in fact millers are consigning most of their surplus.

Car prices are:—flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.15 to \$5.20; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.75 to \$4.85; Ontario patents, \$4.50 to \$4.90; straight roller, \$4.10 to \$4.20; extra, \$3.95 to \$4.00, low grades, per bag, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Bran—\$14 to \$15. Shorts—\$15 to \$16. Wheat—white, 93 to 94c; spring, 90 to 91c; red winter, 93 to 94c; goose, 81 to 82c; No. 1 hard, \$1.03 to \$1.05; No. 2 hard, \$1 to \$1.01; No. 3 hard, 92½ to 93c; No. 1 regular, 80 to 81c; No. 2 regular, 69 to 70c. Peas—No. 2, 62 to 63c. Barley—No. 1, 56 to 57c; No. 2, 51 to 52c; No. 3 extra, 49 to 51c; No. 3, 47 to 48c; two-rowed, 64 lbs, averaging about No. 3 extra in color (outside), 53 to 57c. Corn—50 to 52c. Buckwheat—48 to 50c. Rye—87 to 90c. Oats—33 to 34c.

Provisions—Dressed hogs were very dull. Few rail consignments were received by packers, who allowed \$6 to \$6.10 for them. Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$13 to \$14; do: Canadian (new), \$15; short cut, \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per pound, 7½ to 8c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9½ to 10c, compound, do, 8 to 8½c; smoked meats—hams, per pound (new), 10½ to 11c; bellies, per pound 9½ to 10c; rolls, per pound, 8½ to 8¾c; backs, per pound, 10½c; dressed hogs, good, \$6.00 to \$6.15 per cwt.

Apples—There is a poor demand for either dried or evaporated apples at present. Trade lots of the former are selling at 4 to 4½c, and small jobbing lots at 4½ to 4¾c, while the latter were dull but firm, at 7½ to 8¾c. Green apples \$1.50 to \$2 barrel.

Beans—Slow. Dealers are not buying much and farmers find offerings at \$1 to \$1.15 per bushel, taken with no great readiness. Out of store they are selling at \$1.25 to \$1.35 per bushel.

Eggs—Easy at 18c for fresh. Offerings are more liberal, and the feeling is weak, a further drop being predicted if the weather continues mild. Lined are slow at 14 to 15c.

Hides, etc.—There is some movement in cured, sales being reported at 5c. Green are quiet at 4½; No. 2 at 3½c, No. 3 at 2½c. Skins—Receipts moderate; prices steady and unchanged.

The best fresh, green sheep and lambskins are selling at \$1.15 to \$1.25; calfskins are slow at 5 to 7c for city inspected skins.

Honey—Demand poor. Extracted sells at 9 to 10c; filled comb, 14 to 16c per lb.

Dressed meats—Offerings better, and prices generally steady at former quotations. Beef is in good demand at 4½ to 5½c for forequarters, and 7½ to 8c for hindquarters. Lamb is firm at 8½ to 9c. Mutton sells at 7 to 7½c, and veal at 8½ to 9c.

Potatoes and vegetables—Potatoes are easy and cars on track selling at 33 to 35c. Out of store the demand is fair at 45 to 50c per bag. Onions are steady at \$1.25 per bag. Turnips find a poor sale, cars on track being quoted at 10 to 12c per bushel.

Poultry—Turkeys were in fair supply with prices firm at 12 to 12½c; other lines were scarce; geese are quoted at 8 to 8½c; chickens, 69 to 75c per pair. There is a moderate demand for fresh stock.

Tallow—Demand fair. Offerings moderate. Dealers are paying 5½c and hauling at 6c.

Produce prices—Hay—Timothy, on track, \$11.50 to \$12; No. 2, \$10.25 to \$10.50. Straw—\$6 to \$6.50 in car lots. Hops—Canadian, 1891 crop, 18 to 24c. Seeds—Alsike, prime to choice, \$5.50 to \$6; extra to fancy, \$6.25 to \$6.50; red clover, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per bushel for western Ontario; \$5.50 to \$5.75 per bushel northern and eastern; timothy, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Butter—Offerings were more liberal to-day and the quality was a shade better than it has been for some time past, several lots of large rolls selling at 19c. These, however, were choice, the bulk of the offerings being held at 17 to 18c. Dealers could handle more dairy tubs than are at present coming in. There is an active demand for this class of butter, and good to choice stock sells readily at 18 to 19c. Common butter is in demand and firm at 13 to 14c.

Cheese—Steady and firm at 12½c for single boxes and 12c for small lots of best fall makes. Car lots are quoted at 11½c, but there has been little heavy buying lately. Summer cheese has some enquiry at 9½ to 10½, but supplies are limited.

Live stock—Cattle—The demand was active for good cattle, a great deal of poor offered, and had not there been a good number shipped to Montreal, and a fair demand to butchers which had to be supplied, the prospects would have been poor for effecting a clearance. A few choice lots of butchers' cattle changed hands at 4 and 4½c. Inferior and rough oxen and cows selling at 2½ to 2¾c; fair 850 to 950 lb. heifers and steers at 2½ to 3¾c; choice butchers' beasts at 3½ to 3¾c, with an occasional small picked lot, as above stated, at 4 to 4½c. Sheep and lambs—About 5c per lb was the top price paid for lambs and this was for good to choice stock. The sheep trade displayed no great briskness, prices ranging from 3½ to 3¾c per lb. One lot of heavy rams weighing in the neighborhood of 175 lbs. sold at \$5.75 per head. Lambs sold at 4 to 5c per lb. Hogs—The feeling was very firm in hogs. About \$5 per cwt. (fed and watered) was the highest price paid, a number of heavy animals, weighing in the neighborhood of 200 lbs, selling at this figure. Stores sold at \$4 to \$4.25. One load of straight fat animals, averaging about 160 lb, sold at \$4.75 per cwt.—Empire, Feb. 27.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—There have been some large sales of United States straight rollers for shipment from this port to Newfoundland at the opening of navigation, the prices being equal to \$4.35 to \$4.50 here.

Oatmeal—Oatmeal still continues very quiet, and even at the current low figures very little business is passing. Western granulated in carloads is being offered at \$3.90 to \$4, the price here being about \$4 to 4.10. Standard is quoted at \$3.95 to \$4, or \$1.95 to \$2 in bags, while

in car lots it is offered at \$3.80 to 3.90. Split peas are steady at \$3.60 to 3.70 in barrels.

Oats—Business is about the same, and prices remain unchanged, Manitoba mixed to arrive being quoted to arrive at 32c and choice white at 33c per 34 lbs.

Millfeed—Ontario and Manitoba bran is selling readily at \$15 to 15.50 in car lots. Shorts are \$16 to 16.50, and moult \$21 to \$24.

Wheat—Business continues to show very little change, and spot prices are purely nominal. No. 2 hard being quoted at \$1 to 1.02.

Barley—There continues to be a fair enquiry, and sales have been made at last week's figures, which are unchanged. We quote: Malting barley, 55 to 62c as to quality; feed barley, 42 to 45c.

Cured meats—The market has been quiet and is hardly as firm as it was last week, owing to a drop in the west. Canada pork still has to compete hardly with Chicago, and prices are consequently prevented from advancing. Canada short cut mess pork per bbl, \$16.50 to 17; Canada clear pork per bbl, \$16; Chicago short mess, per bbl, \$16 to 16.25; mess pork, United States per bbl, \$14.50 to 15; extra mess beef per bbl, \$14.50 to 15; hams, city cured per lb, 10½ to 11c; lard, pure in pails per lb, 8½ to 9c; lard, compound in pails per lb, 7½ to 7¾c; bacon per lb, 9½ to 10 cents; shoulders, per lb, 8½ to 9 cents.

Dressed hogs—Receipts are gradually dropping off, and sales in car lots will not be frequent after this week, as the season is about over. A few car lots have changed hand this week at \$6.40 to 6.50, but the offerings have been light.

Butter—The unexpectedly large stock of creamery which is actually on hand has been fully confirmed during the week; but as the stock of really fine dairy goods is not very large and will soon be worked off, the chance for the sale of creamery is very good. Still the stock of all classes is sufficiently large to show that it will not be entirely worked off before the new season commences, especially if the spring turns out to be as early as present appearances would seem to indicate. Prices are about the same as last week, creamery being 23½ to 24½c; dairy, eastern townships, 19 to 20c for round lots; western dairy, 16 to 18c.

Cheese—Prices are nominally unchanged, finest white and colored being worth 11½ to 11¾c, some choice white being held for 12c; under-priced goods at 11 to 11½c.

Eggs—Montreal lined are worth 14 to 15c, as was quoted last week.

Leather—Manufacturers' sole, No. 1, 17c to 19c; No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed uppers, 22 to 26c; splits, Quebec, 11 to 12c; splits, western, 15 to 19c.

Apples—There is quite a scarcity of red stock in the market, and what there is sells easily at \$2.15 to 2.25 in car lots. Dried apples—slow at 4½ to 5c. Evaporated apples—Steady and unchanged at 7½ to 9c per lb.

Dried fruits—Valencias, ordinary, 4c to 5c; No 1 off-stalk, 5½c; layers, 6 to 6½c; Patras currants, 5½ to 6c; Vostizzas, in cases, 7½ to 8c; provincial currants, 4½ to 5½c; walnuts, Grenobles, 12½ to 13c; Bordeaux, 10½ to 11c; Ivicas, 12 to 13c; Tarragonas, 14 to 15c.—Trade Bulletin, Feb. 26.

A Washington telegram says that the Sayward case involving the jurisdiction of the United States over the Behring Sea, has been decided by the U. S. supreme court against the British government.

Major & Eldridge, commission merchants, Vancouver, B.C., in a letter to THE COMMERCIAL says that fresh eggs are now coming in very freely, but that receipts usually drop off considerably in March and April, at which time Manitoba eggs will be wanted. They add that the only proper way to ship eggs to the B.C. market, is in good, strong egg cases.

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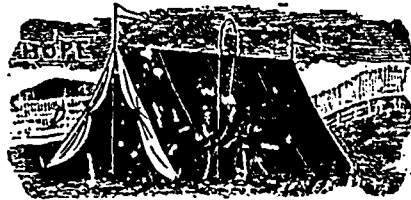
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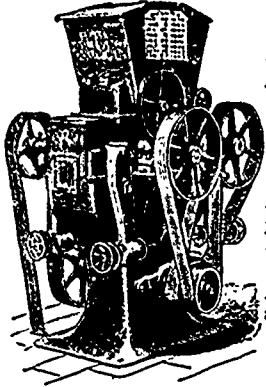
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Fort William Board of Trade.

At the first annual meeting of the board, held recently, President Geo. A. Graham gave a long and interesting address, from which we take the following:—

The board of trade was formed with a strong membership and during the year has taken an active part in the stirring events and rapid progress of the town of Fort William, which town will always look back to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, as the date when it first came into prominence as a business centre, although the signs of the times had for many years pointed to Fort William as the Canadian port on Lake Superior destined to be the first port of the great Dominion of Canada, which would rival Duluth and other American lake ports. Still our affairs did not develop sufficiently to convince the public that the time had arrived when the changes so confidently expected had been realized, but that our hopes of commercial supremacy have been consummated inconclusively shown by the advancement made by the town during the past year.

The unrivalled natural advantages of our harbor, coupled with the fact that Fort William had made a most advantageous contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway company, having as its object the construction at this point of the company's works in this vicinity,—this contract was carried into execution in November, 1890, when the consolidation so long expected commenced. The full effect of this important move on the part of the Canadian Pacific Railway company was not fully demonstrated until the spring of 1891, when it was seen that it carried with it the concentration of all the immense east and west bound traffic of this great company. All through freight and passengers were transferred here and this was made the port of departure for the Canadian Pacific steamers.

The business of this company thus centered here was as follows for the year 1891:

Freight received inward by lake, tons	55,245
Freight received inward by rail, tons	29,634
Freight shipped outward by rail exclusive of grain, tons	36,992
Freight shipped outward by rail, inclusive of grain, tons	319,836
Total tons	451,697
Grain received into elevators, bushels	5,493,378
Grain shipped from elevators, bushels	4,013,611
Coal received at docks, tons	119,282
The capacity of the coal docks is tons	100,000
Length of dockage, feet	4,068
Capacity of elevators and annex, bushels	3,750,000
Value of the C. P. R. buildings	\$1,210,000 00
Wages paid at Fort William during 1891	217,030 09
Passenger traffic receipts	24,570 00

The great influx of population in consequence of these changes caused the hamlet to grow into a pretentious town. Hotels, stores and other buildings, many of which are valuable solid brick structures, sprang up in all directions. The demand for buildings is not by any means supplied and it is confidently expected that more building will be done this coming year than last.

The trade of this port for the year is as follows for all districts:

Number of vessels reported in	601
Number of vessels reported out	603
Customs dues collected	\$68,859 00

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company built and furnished a first class hotel second to none in the west. Little over a year ago there was no bank here, while now we have the Bank of Montreal, Commercial Bank of Manitoba and the important banking house of Ray, Street & Co. The lumber trade is an important industry. About ten million feet will be sawed here this season, and a large quantity of ties and other timber are being taken out. Immense virgin forests of spruce and poplar suitable for pulp wood, close to transportation and cheap water power, are in the district.

Extended reference is made to the mining interests and to the advantageous situation of Fort William for the manufacture of iron.

The United States senate has passed Senator Dolph's bill continuing the Chinese Exclusion Act in force for ten years longer.

A sale of the Farnham beet root sugar refinery at St. Romuald de Farnham, Quebec, has been effected. It was knocked down to R. L. Gault for \$26,000. The property will be transferred by Gault to Baron Leillere. The judgment in virtue of which the property was sold was against the old company in course of liquidation for four years past.

A telegram from Minneapolis, United States, says: Advices have been received here of an advance in binding twice for the coming season of from 3 to 4 cents per pound. An afternoon paper declares the cordage trust last year cleared \$1,400,000, and that this showing will induce the establishment of an anti-trust factory in this city by a syndicate from Belfast, Ireland.

The Chicago Herald gives the totals of the nationalities which make up Chicago's 1,200,000 population, and according to these figures, which are pronounced reliable, the largest element is the German, 334,953, next the native citizens, 292,463, and third, the Irish 215,534. The Canadians are set down at 6,959, which shows that the Canadian population of Chicago is very much smaller than has been supposed.

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Brandon Ex. Tues. Th. & Sat.	St. Paul Express Daily	Miles from Winnipeg.		St. Paul Express Daily	Brandon Ex. Mon., Wed. & Fri.	
4.05p	1.20p	0	Winnipeg	8.00p	10.00a	
3.57p	1.11p	3.0	Portage Junction	8.02p	10.03a	
3.43p	12.55p	9.3	St. Norbert	8.24p	10.21a	
3.39p	12.42p	15.3	Cartier	8.36p	10.35a	
3.12p	12.22p	23.5	St. Agathe	8.56p	10.52a	
3.03p	12.13p	27.4	Union Point	9.08p	11.01a	
2.49p	12.00a	32.5	Silver Plains	9.16p	11.14a	
2.25p	11.40a	40.4	Morris	9.35p	11.35a	
	11.28a	48.8	St. Jean	9.51p		
	11.05a	56.0	Letellier	4.76p		
	10.40a	65.0	Emerson	4.40p		
	10.25a	68.1	Pembina	4.50p		
	6.40a	163	Grand Forks	9.00p		
	1.50a	223	Winnipeg Junction	1.15a		
	4.55a	470	Minneapolis	12.15p		
	4.15a	481	St. Paul	12.45p		
	10.45a	853	Chicago	7.15a		

MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.

East Bound.			STATIONS.	West Bound.		
Freight Mon., Wed. & Fri.	Passenger Tues. & Sat.	Miles from Morris.		Passenger Mon. Wed. & Fri.	Freight Tues. & Sat.	
10.40a	4.05p	0	Winnipeg	10.00a	3.00a	
7.00p	2.25p	0	Morris	11.50a	8.45a	
6.10p	1.54p	10.0	Lower Farm	12.14p	9.35a	
5.14p	1.24p	21.2	Myrtle	12.49p	10.34a	
4.50p	1.10p	25.9	Roland	12.55p	10.57a	
4.11p	12.50p	33.5	Rosebank	1.16p	11.37a	
3.40p	12.35p	39.6	Miami	1.46p	12.10p	
2.53p	11.49a	49.0	Deerwood	2.11p	1.02p	
2.20p	11.37a	54.1	Altamont	2.25p	1.25p	
1.40p	11.16a	62.1	Somersct.	2.46p	2.05p	
1.13p	11.00a	68.4	Swan Lake	3.00p	2.35p	
12.45p	10.44a	74.6	Indian Springs	3.14p	3.04p	
12.19p	10.32a	79.4	Maricapolis	3.26p	3.28p	
11.45a	10.16a	83.1	Greenway	3.42p	3.58p	
11.15a	10.00a	92.3	Balder	3.57p	4.23p	
10.29a	9.38a	102.0	Belmont	4.20p	5.15p	
9.52a	9.16a	109.7	Hilton	4.38p	5.53p	
9.02a	8.50a	120.0	Wauvauca	5.03p	6.43p	
8.15a	8.25a	129.5	Rounthwaite	5.27p	7.30p	
7.35a	8.05a	137.2	Martinville	5.45p	8.03p	
7.00a	7.45a	145.1	Brandon	6.05p	8.45p	

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East Bound.			STATIONS.	West Bound.		
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12.45p	0	0	Winnipeg	1.45p	0	
12.29p	3.0	3.0	Portage Junction	1.53p	3.0	
12.03p	11.5	11.5	St. Charles	2.27p	11.5	
11.52p	14.7	14.7	Headingley	2.35p	14.7	
11.34p	21.0	21.0	White Plains	3.01p	21.0	
10.53p	25.2	25.2	Eustace	3.50p	25.2	
10.31p	42.1	42.1	Oakville	4.15p	42.1	
9.50p	55.2	55.2	Portage la Prairie	5.00p	55.2	

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