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WINNIPEG, MAY 4, 1896.

Manitoba.

J. T. French has purchased the Virden Banner.

Dr. J. A. Hall, a recent graduate of the Manitoba Medical college, will locate in Birtle.

The stock in trade of Hart & McPherson, stationers, Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the dollar on Tuesday, May 5.

G. F. & J. Galt are building a large warehouse on the Canadian Pacific railway track, Winnipeg, near the freight sheds.

The case of Cloutier against the early closing by law in Winnipeg, has been thrown out with costs. It may be appealed to the full court.

J. J. Roberts has secured an interest in the Colonist journal, published at Winnipeg, and will in future take an active part in its management.

W. E. Hazley, of the Consolidated Stationery company, Winnipeg, has returned from a two months' visit to Dublin, Ireland. Mr. Hazley was a passenger on the train which met with disaster in Maine last week, several passengers in the same car being killed.

Enquiries among our merchants, says the Carberry News, have elicited the fact that business in town this spring has been much better than for some years. Sales are brisk and cash would seem to be more in evidence than is usual in the spring. If Providence should vouchsafe a favorable season in '96, the position of the citizens of Carberry and the farmers on the surrounding plains will be an enviable one.

Alberta.

The merchants of Macleod, Alberta, have agreed to close their places of business every Thursday afternoon, commencing May 7, during the summer months.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Marks, King & Co. have added an oat clipping machine to their cleaning elevator at Port Arthur. A trial made on a car of mixed oats, which weighed only 82 pounds per bushel, showed that after clipping they weighed 42 pounds. It is expected that in future all Manitoba oats will be clipped before being exported.

A Duluth dispatch of April 27 says: Vessel tonnage for 10,000,000 bushels of wheat from

this port has been chartered for May, the largest figures on record for any port in the history of the grain trade. There is a good demand for all the cash wheat that is offered at about the May price.

The feature in the Toronto flour market on April 22nd was a decline in the price of Manitoba flour of 15c, says the Globe, and the prices quoted by the large mills are now \$1.10 for patents and \$3.75 for strong bakers. Ontario flour is quiet; patents are quoted at \$3.75 west and straight roller at \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "There will be a heavy movement in lake and canal business as soon as navigation opens, the engagements of wheat from Fort William to Montreal being large, latest contracts having been put through at 80 per bushel. Engagements have also been made at 80 from Duluth. Some weeks ago vessels were chartered to carry corn from Chicago to Kingston at 4c, but the rates are now down to 30 corn and 3½ wheat. The rate on wheat from Buffalo to New York is steady at 3½ to 4c. From Kingston to Montreal the rates are 2½ wheat and 2¼ corn. There has been very little new business in ocean freights. The most recent engagement reported is a lot of about 10,000 bushels of oats for Glasgow at 1s 9d. Heavy grain to Liverpool is quoted at 1s 6d. Engagements are reported in sack flour at 8s 9d to 10s London, 7s to 7s 6d Liverpool, and 7s 6d to 8s 9d Glasgow. Cattle freights have been engaged from this port at current rates at time of shipment, one lot being fixed at 40s Bristol."

Manufacturers' Meeting.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' association was held at Toronto, on April 29, president A. E. Kemp presiding. After the election of officers the text of various resolutions was passed. The president's address was an extended and detailed defence of the national policy and an array of arguments for continuing it. The following officers were elected: President, A. E. Kemp, Toronto, first vice, D. W. Kern, Woodstock; second vice, John F. Ellis, Toronto; treasurer, George Booth; chairman of executive, R. W. Elliott; chairman of tariff committee, W. K. McKnight; secretary, J. J. Cassidy. A long resolution was passed endorsing the national policy, detailing the alleged benefits to the country conferred by it since 1878 and alleging the necessity for its continuance. Another resolution warmly advocated preferential trade with the British Empire.

Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Toronto Globe says: "General trade in hardware and tinware is brisk. Heavy hardware is also moving freely. Metals are not in as good demand as they have been. Barb wire has advanced again to 9c per lb., terms of delivery as before. Garden tools are now being freely asked for, such as rubber hose reels, rakes, syringes and spray pumps."

A fair business has been transacted in paints and oils during the past week, says the Montreal Gazette, and the market on the whole is more active. The strong feeling in castor oil has continued and prices have been market up ½c, to 7 to 8c. Latest advices from Norway say: The crop of Norwegian cod liver oil is only about one-third of last year, owing to fishery being small and the liver lean. All offerings are being eagerly sought after at advancing prices. The supply on spot is very small, and holders are asking \$2.75 to \$3.25 per gallon. Owing to the strike among the workers abroad, the market for gold leaf is much stronger and

prices have advanced 25c per package. Arsenic is also strong and prices are higher.

The Dauphin Railway.

The citizens of Arden, in public meeting, authorize the following statement respecting the Dauphin Railway:

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Arden, April 28th, 1896.

Canadian Pacific Railway Earnings.

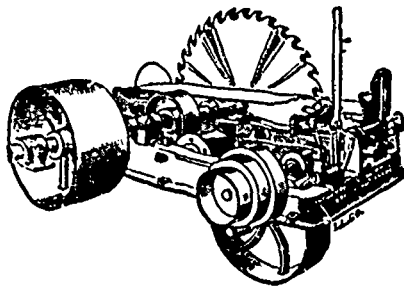
The following financial statement for March has been handed out by the Canadian Pacific Railway company: March, 1896—Gross earnings \$1,503,603; working expenses \$1,027,072; net profits \$476,531. In March, 1895, the net profits were \$392,287; and for the three months ending March 31st the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, \$4,303,657; working expenses, \$2,997,141; net profits \$1,306,218. For the three months ending March 31st, 1895, there was a net profit of \$945,628. The gain in net profits over the same period last year is therefore for March, \$84,244, and from January 1st to March 31st, \$360,585.

Lumber Trade News.

Members of the Western Retail Lumber Association now wear a button, upon which a monogram of the association is engraved.

The Hudson Bay canal scheme is growing. There is nothing small about it. A report from St. Paul, Minn., says: "A syndicate of prominent men has been formed to construct a canal from Duluth to Winnipeg. The company is to be incorporated under the name of the Duluth, Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Canal company."

The April number of the new Canadian monthly—Massey's Magazine—has been received, and is up to the standard of the earlier issues. The number has a handsome frontispiece. "The Easter Carol," by J. D. Kelly, No. 2 of "English Cathedrals" is the first article, and deals with the grand old York Minster, with six illustrations. Horsemen will find a very interesting article on "Horse Shows in Canada and Elsewhere," profusely illustrated. Duncan Campbell Scott contributes a story, "The Mystery of the Red Deep," and follows a poem "The Return of Sergius Catus" by Fidele H. Holland. "The Migration of Birds" is an interesting study of small bird life by Robert Elliott. The World of art department, "A Master of the French School," with illustrations. Poems, short sketches, and the regular departments, complete the April number of Massey's Magazine.

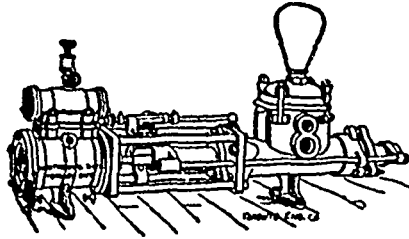


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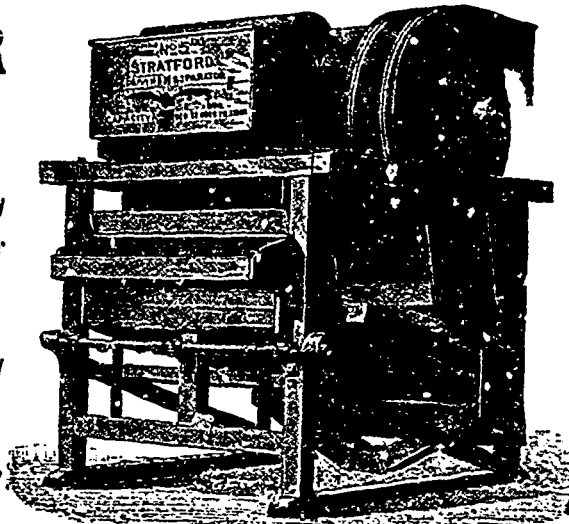
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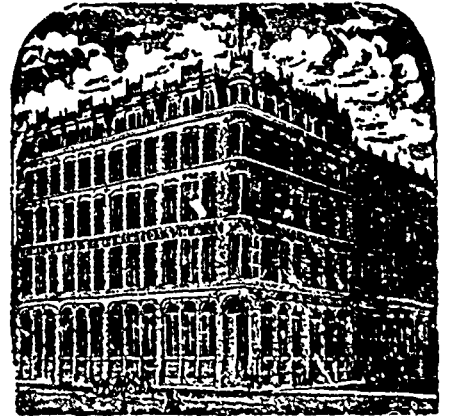
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The Commercial

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REPRESENTATION ABROAD.

The Winnipeg board of trade, as will be seen by the report in another column of this number of The Commercial, has taken up a very important matter in the interest of immigration and commerce. We refer to the resolution in favor of the appointment of commercial agents to represent Canada in foreign countries. The resolution speaks for itself so clearly that very little can be added to show the value of the proposals made therein. It is one of the disadvantages, perhaps, of our colonial position, that this country is not represented in foreign lands by any persons acting in an official capacity. Of course, Canadians, as British subjects have the protection of the officials appointed by the imperial government. These officials, however, do not make any special effort to further Canadian interests. Not one among a score of them would be able to answer any questions about Canada, much less be in a position to further our immigration and general commercial interests. Canada not being an independent nation cannot appoint consuls to represent her in a foreign country. Any appointment we could make, without the authority and recognition of the imperial government, would be merely an agent in an official capacity. There might be some difficulty in defining the local standing which such agents would have in foreign countries, but no doubt the imperial government would sanction the appointment of such agents, in such a manner as to secure their recognition by foreign governments, if this were found necessary.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

A very important gathering will be held in the imperial capital in June next. We refer to the congress of the chambers of commerce of the empire, soon to be held in London. Boards of trade and other commercial bodies throughout the United Kingdom and the colonies will be represented at this great gathering. Winnipeg will be represented by a delegate from the board of trade and also a delegate from the local grain exchange. The last conference of this nature took place some three years ago, and though its deliberations were of a most important nature, the fact that the general elections in the United Kingdom were unexpectedly brought on just at that time, detracted greatly from the influence of the conference. The present time seems very opportune for holding another conference, especially owing to the fact that the tendency of the times is towards a closer union between the various self-governing portions of the empire.

At this conference all questions of an imperial nature will be discussed, and the programme includes a long list of most important subjects, such as the commercial relations between the different countries of the empire, bills of lading, imperial postage system, weights, measures and currency, arbitration, and numerous other subjects more or less

vital to the welfare of the empire at large. Undoubtedly the leading topic for discussion will be the question relating to the commercial relations between the various divisions of the empire. This is a subject of such importance as to alone justify the calling of the conference. Almost if not all the various divisions of the empire are in favor of some sort of a commercial union to include the whole empire, though opinion differs very materially as to the direction such union should take. In Great Britain the preponderance of opinion is no doubt in favor of bringing about such a union on a basis of free trade within the empire, while in the colonies the weight of influence is probably in the direction of an arrangement on a protective basis. Great Britain and her colonies are the only countries which throw their markets open to foreign countries on the same conditions as are accorded British subjects. Wherever the British flag floats to the breeze there foreigners have every commercial privilege which is accorded British subjects. This is the ideal policy for the world; but in the present hostile attitude of foreign countries from a commercial point of view, it is worth while considering whether this state of things should continue. We, therefore, certainly look for a very thorough discussion of this great question. The Winnipeg delegates have been instructed to favor the "freest trade relations possible within the empire, consistent with revenue necessities." This is very satisfactory and shows that Winnipeg is in accord with the view which largely predominates in Great Britain.

In addition to the list of questions proposed in the draft programme for discussion at the conference, any commercial body is at liberty to propose other subjects for discussion at the conference. The Winnipeg board has proposed an additional subject, and it is one of such vital importance to this country as to take rank almost before the trade question. The question proposed by the Winnipeg board was published in The Commercial of April 20, but it is a subject so far reaching that we reproduce it below as follows:

"Resolved, that this congress views with regret the disposition on the part of many people of influence in Great Britain to direct the tide of surplus population leaving that country to foreign lands, thus drawing from the strength of the empire to build up alien powers. That this congress looks upon such a tendency as not only wasteful of the vitality of the empire, but altogether unnecessary, seeing that the British colonies and dependencies offer fields for immigration as attractive, if not more attractive than can be found in any other foreign country. That within the bounds of the British Empire the emigrant can find any variety of climate, and reach success in any pursuit, and yet retain all the privileges of a British subject. Therefore this congress deems it the duty of the imperial and colonial governments, as well as all patriotic citizens of the empire, to use every means available to encourage emigration to the colonies from the mother land, and to discourage in every possible way the directing of such emigration to foreign countries."

This great imperial congress presents certainly a grand opportunity for discussing the question of immigration. It is certainly an opportunity which should be taken advantage of by Canada to make her resources and re-

quirements as to population and capital known. The proceedings of the conference will be published throughout the English speaking world. The conference itself will be attended by the leading thinkers of the empire, and its proceedings will be closely studied in all parts of the empire. The opportunity is therefore one which happens only at intervals of years. It is therefore very urgent that Manitoba in particular and Western Canada in general should be represented at the great gathering by a few of the very best public speakers which we have in the country. It has been proposed by the Winnipeg board of trade that an effort should be made to secure the help of some prominent gentlemen in Great Britain to assist our delegates in advocating the resolution proposed by the Winnipeg board. This is all very well as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. If it is felt that the delegate of the Winnipeg board needs assistance, it is not safe to rely entirely upon others to help on the resolution. Many people know from experience that it does not do to depend too much upon others. Get the help of prominent men of the United Kingdom if we can, but let us help ourselves also in this matter. A very strong delegation should be on hand to favor this resolution, and as we have already said one or more of the very best public speakers in Manitoba should be induced to attend the conference, with the object of supporting the resolution. This is a matter which might well be represented to the provincial government, with a view of having further representation for Manitoba at the great gathering.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE committee of the Winnipeg city council has reported that it cannot approve of the motion to limit the working day to eight hours on city works, at the same rate of pay as established for the day of nine hours.

The appointment of Sir Donald A. Smith to represent Canada, as High Commissioner in the United Kingdom, will be particularly satisfactory to the West. We may justly claim Sir Donald as a western man, and his interests are still largely in the West. He may certainly be trusted to make use of every possible opportunity to further western interests.

COMPLAINT has been made by a dealer in dairy produce, to the Winnipeg board of trade, against the appointment of a subsidized agent of the Manitoba Dairy Association, to act as a salesman for the association in Winnipeg. The Dairy Association are of course at liberty to do what they like in this matter, but it is felt that the local government should not assist by granting the Dairy Association a sum to pay the expenses of such an agent. If the agent is merely to look after the consignments of the members of the association, see that they are weighed, placed in cold storage and properly handled, no reasonable complaint could be made, but there would certainly be good ground for complaint, if it is found, as has been alleged, that the local government is assisting to pay the expenses of an agent who will act in the

capacity of salesman or commission agent for the dairymen, in opposition to the regular dealers in such goods. The Commercial will endeavor to secure further information about this matter in time for another paragraph in this number. [NOTE—Since writing the above a circular has been issued by the secretary of the Dairy Association, which sets forth the duties of the agent referred to above. Nothing in this circular would indicate that the agent will act as a salesman or commission agent for the dairymen. The circular will be found under the heading "Dairy Trade News," in another column of The Commercial of this date.]

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THE question of lake and rail freight rates is at present a disturbing factor. The railway companies, it appears, have refused to apply the through rate on goods arriving at Fort William, Port Arthur or Duluth, for Manitoba and western points, except when the goods are received from the regular lines of steamers working in connection with the railways. In other words, goods shipped from Toronto, lake and rail, for Winnipeg, by an independent steamer, would be charged the local rate from the lake port at which they were landed to Winnipeg. The effect of this arrangement will be to force shippers to use the regular lines of steamers only, thus creating something akin to a monopoly on the lake route. The Winnipeg board of trade has very properly taken up the matter, and has requested the assistance of the leading eastern boards in seconding the vigorous protest which has been made against this traffic arrangement.

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A great event of last week, of international importance, was the meeting in the United States capital of the National Arbitration convention. It was attended by many of the most distinguished men in the United States, though there was a notable absence of politicians. Prominent speakers were ex-secretary of state Foster and ex-senator Edmunds. The convention adopted a resolution providing for the selection of a permanent committee of twenty-five members, who were at once appointed. Subsequently, the convention adopted resolutions declaring that religion, humanity and justice, as well as the material interests of civilized society demand the immediate establishment of a permanent system of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain, and the extension of the opportunity afforded by the system to all civilized nations at the earliest possible day. The resolutions also earnestly recommended to the government of the United States, so soon as it is assured of a corresponding disposition on the part of the British government, to negotiate a treaty providing for the widest practical application of the method of arbitration to international controversies. In compliance with one of the resolutions adopted a committee was appointed to prepare and present to the president a memorial respectfully urging the taking of such steps as will best conduce to the end in view.

The imports into Canada for nine months increased \$5,750,000. The duty collected shows an increase of \$2,000,000. The export increase is \$5,821,000.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the board was held on April 24. The matter of freight rates on merchandise from Fort William and Duluth via the Canadian Pacific Railway and Northern Pacific Railway was discussed at some length. The statement was made that all goods arriving at either Fort William or Duluth by steamers other than the Canadian Pacific Railway Steamship line and the Beatty lines would be subject to the ordinary local freight rates for that distance and not given the benefit of the ordinary through rates from eastern points, in other words, while the rail rate on through goods arriving by the Canadian Pacific Railway Steamship line or Beatty line is 47 cents on fifth class freight, the local rate is 57 cents; and the latter will be applied on all consignments shipped from Montreal or Toronto by independent steamers. It was decided to correspond with the boards of trade at Montreal and Toronto, the railways and the Dominion government on this subject; and also showing that the main effect would be to drive the few remaining independent Canadian vessels off the upper lakes.

Complaint was made to the council by a dealer in dairy produce, that the government had given a grant to the dairy association to pay for an agent to transact business for its members, one of his duties, as defined in their circular, being; "He shall also sell consignments." The secretary was directed to write the government asking if they authorized such an agent to transact this kind of business.

The following resolution was adopted, and copies were ordered to be sent to the Dominion government and the leading boards of trade in Canada, asking them to take similar action:

Whereas the most suitable and desirable settlers for Canada, outside of those from the British Isles, are to be obtained from the continental countries of northern Europe, in nearly all of which countries the work of foreign emigration agents is forbidden by law; and whereas the United States and other nations of America have in all such countries numerous consuls and vice-consuls, many of whom hold office without emolument, and whose duties imply the furnishing of information regarding their country and its resources to all intending emigrants applying to them for such information, thus doing the work of emigration agents so far as the laws of the countries in which they reside will permit, and securing for the country they represent the bulk of the overflow of population from these nations of northern Europe, and whereas Canada as a colony of Great Britain not having the right of appointing consular or other agents having direct diplomatic relations with foreign countries, and being only one of the many colonies of the empire not in a position to expect British consuls to do for the Dominion the work which United States consuls and vice-consuls do for their own country in the interests of immigration, therefore Canada works under great disadvantages and has heretofore been powerless to secure anything like a fair share of the valuable class of settlers who have flocked from the countries of northern Europe to the new world. After careful consideration of this anomalous and disadvantageous situation in which Canada is placed, this board would strongly urge the appointing by the Dominion government of a regular staff of commercial agents-general, one to each of the countries referred to, who could each have numerous deputies in leading points of each country and that one leading duty of such agents and their deputies should be to furnish the applicants in search of a home in the new world the fullest information regarding the resources of our Dominion and its advantages as a new land to settle in.

Always, it is scarcely necessary to say, confining their efforts in this work strictly within the limits of the laws of the country in which they may reside.

The board also sees in this arrangement a valuable power in furthering the trade interests of both importers and exporters in the Dominion, enabling importers to deal direct with foreign manufacturers, instead of through middlemen, and also enabling exporters of grain and other Canadian products to deal direct with continental European purchasers, instead of through the commission houses of London, Liverpool and New York, as has been the general rule heretofore.

The question of securing the services of some prominent and official gentleman in Great Britain to act in concert with the nominees of this board's delegates to the congress of chambers of commerce of the empire, was discussed, and some action in that direction will likely be taken. They will be asked especially to advocate the resolution on emigration from Great Britain, which was passed by the board at its last meeting.

F. J. Holland, insurance agent; and H. Sydney White, of the Colonist were elected to membership of the board.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The movement of the 1895 crop of Valencia raisins is reported by William Rogers & Co. of Dania to have been as follows:—Exported to London, 165,688 cwt; to Liverpool, 81,578 do; to other parts of Great Britain and Ireland, 25,066; to the United States, 30,951; to Canada, 27,880; to Sweden, Denmark and other ports, 67,947; to ports on the Mediterranean, 47,984; leaving an estimated stock of 7,500 cwt in growers' hands on April 1.

California fruits are firmer. Jobbers would have to pay ¼ to ½c more for peaches owing to the damage to the growing crop by frost. Owing to the prospect of a short crop on account of frost some of the representatives of California houses here have been instructed to advance prices on canned goods. Some brands of plums are 15c higher and apricots have advanced 2½c.

A commission firm in New York received a telegram from California instructing them to advance two-crown loose raisins to 3c and hold prunes subject to confirmation, as the crop of both grapes and prunes would be reduced 75 per cent by the freeze of the last few days. Another firm received the following by telegraph:—"Put raisins in cold storage; seven-eighths of grape vines frozen stiff. There will be comparatively no layers. Few raisins before October shipment."

In the German reichstag the sugar bill of the committee passed its second reading. It fixes the export bounties on raw sugar at 250 marks; on candy and white sugar in loaves at 355 marks; and on other sorts above 98 per cent polarization, at three marks.

A Toronto report says that Valencia raisins are getting scarce here, especially selected, and the market for them is firm.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says:—It can scarcely be doubted now that the reports of damage by heavy frost to the California fruit crops has not been over-estimated. It would appear that weather conditions during April have been prejudicial to the interests of growers. Numerous telegrams have been received here during the past day or two apprising holders of California dried fruits of the fact that there would likely be small crops on account of the unprecedentedly cold weather following an unusually warm period during which the trees were unduly advanced. Many holders of goods here have been instructed to withdraw stocks from the market, and in spite of the indifference of buyers holders are confident that prices will advance.

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Items about the Crops.

Seeding was in full operation in the Morris district, Man., on April 28.

Rosser, Man., April 28—Yesterday seeding at began Rosser, Walter James, of Maple Grove, starting into his field on that day—just three weeks behind the period of commencing last year. Even yet the lowlands are wet and sticky, and operations so far are confined to the more elevated parts of the farm. Seeding will be begun on several farms this week, and will be in full swing by the opening of May.

Morden, Man., April 28.—On account of the heavy rains very little seeding has been done as yet in this neighborhood. Farmers will have a busy time this spring as a larger acreage than usual is waiting to be plowed.

Gladstone, Man., April 27.—The harrow, the plow and the seeder are to be seen in all directions hard at work. As the season has been somewhat late an extra effort will be put forth to have a large acreage put in. There will be very little summer fallowing if the ground can be prepared for seed in time.

Dominion City, Man., April 25.—No seeding has been done here yet. Thursday's rain has again soaked the ground, and it is not probable that much seeding will be done before May 1st.

Birtle, Man., April 28—But little seeding has been done in this locality. The rains of last week prevented getting on the land. Owing to the late season and the small amount of land prepared last fall the acreage will be much less than last year.

Pilot Mound, April 30.—It has rained constantly and heavily since Sunday afternoon, and there is no prospect yet of it stopping. The water is higher now in creeks and ponds than it has been in fifteen years. There is no sowing done yet in this locality worth speaking of, and it will be some days after the rain ceases before the land will be fit to do anything with.

Butter.

A Toronto report dated April 27 says: "The market is overstocked and all prices are easy, and shading is done by all merchants. Dairy rolls and receipts of creamery are also large. Dairy tubs 13 to 14c; medium dairy tubs 9 to 10c; low grade dairy tubs 8 to 9c; choice large rolls 13 to 14c; dairy pound prints 15c; fresh made creamery tubs 18 to 19c; creamery pound prints 19 to 20c."

A Montreal report of April 27 says. "The butter market continues easy, though there is a steady consumptive jobbing movement on local accounts. Receipts of new creamery are daily increasing and unless the export demand makes itself felt it looks like an overstock. As prices show a declining tendency, however, it is likely that they will reach a level where shippers will consider it profitable to take a hand in the game. Offers were freely made in quantity lots at 18c, and in small parcels 18½c represented buyers' outside views to-day. Townships dairy ranges from 16 to 19½c."

A mail report from London, England, on April 11, says: "A generally easier market must be reported, and prices reduced to a low level with the absence of any accumulations. Danish butter is again reduced by the Copenhagen committee 4s 6d, making this make a popular one, and quotations were 9½s to 9½s. Dutch to order yesterday (Friday) costs but 85s. French is not offered in quantity, the home trade being good, but, being dear, is neglected here and the feeling limp at 10s to 10s per dozen; best ordinary baskets, 9½s to 10½s. Colonial is offered at 9½s to 9½s fancy, and 90s to 9½s fine, and a dull response."

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The Wheat Crop of India

Baerbohm says: The second official estimate, dated March 7, says that there had been hardly any modification of the bad conditions shown in the December report, except in the Punjab, where a timely rainfall averted the disaster which seemed so imminent. The area sown in the Punjab is now put at 6,444,700 acres, or 20 per cent less than last year; in the December report the area was put at 6,550,000 acres. In the Bengal district the area sown is 1,421,300 acres, or about the same as last year; but the outturn is put at only 11½ annas, against 15½ annas last year; a full crop is 16 annas. In the Central Provinces the yield promised to be only from 4 to 10 annas. In Bombay and Sindh the area is 2,425,000 acres, or 27 per cent less than last year; the condition being "fair" to "middling." The area of the principal States, therefore, compares as follows:

	1895-96.	1894-95.
	Acres.	Acres.
Punjab	6,444,000	8,052,000
N.W. Pro. and Oudh	3,460,000	4,614,000
Central Provinces .	2,650,000	3,809,000
Bombay and Sindh .	2,425,000	3,266,000
Bengal.....	1,421,000	1,401,000
Berar	742,000	889,000
Rest of India	9,750,000	4,500,000

Total acres 20,892,000 26,031,000
 Total yield quarters. 20,000,000 29,300,000
 In 1893-91 the total area was 26,778,000 acres, yield 81,600,000 bushels.

Dead Meat Scheme Off.

The Dominion government scheme, engineered by Prof. Robertson, to engage in the exportation of dressed meat from Canada, with the object of testing the value of and encouraging this mode of shipping meats,

will not be gone on with this year. The item in the estimates to grant \$60,000 to engage in this experiment did not pass the house, the time left for discussing the estimates having been very short, and many items were deferred. When the new parliament meets in July next, a grant may be made in time to make a trial shipment this year.

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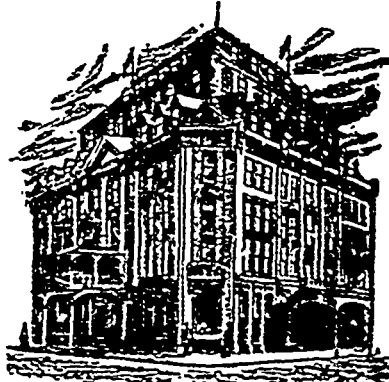
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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, May 2, 1896.

The continued wet weather has practically paralyzed business in many lines. Building operations have been greatly delayed and all wholesale branches have been more or less adversely affected. This week has been practically a week of rain, up to Friday morning, when it gradually cleared up and is bright to-day. The rain began with a heavy thunder storm on Sunday last, after a warm day. The rain set in again Monday night and continued with slight interruption to Friday morning. Seeding has been at a standstill and the flat lands will not be fit for seeding for some time. There is more water in the sloughs and swamps than there has been for years, and a heavy hay crop is assured. Some slight delays were occasioned to the railways from washouts.

Business failures in Canada number 26 this week, against 27 last week, 36 in the corresponding week one year ago, 33 two years ago, and 30 three years ago.

Bradstreet's report of the situation in the United States this week, says: 'Quotations for southern pig have been cut, as are those for the few sales of Bessemer pig and billets made by middlemen. Higher quotations are announced for coffee, cotton, petroleum and anthracite coal, while priat cloths and lumber are practically unchanged. Copper is easier and wool has been sold at concessions.'

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 2.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

COAL.—Prices are unchanged. Winnipeg prices are as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite, \$8.50 per ton delivered to consumers; S is lignite, \$4.25 per ton, delivered to consumers, and \$3.85 at the yard here; Lethbridge bituminous \$6.50 to consumers; western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton to consumers.

CORWOOD.—There is scarcely anything doing in car lots. Poplar is very scarce. We quote prices as follows for car lots on track here; Tamarac, good, \$1.00, mixed or poorer tamarac, \$3.50 to \$3.25; oak, dead, \$3.00 to \$3.25; oak, good, \$3.75; pine, \$3.25 to \$3.50; spruce, \$3.00 to green cut, \$3.75; poplar, dead, \$2.25; poplar, green cut, dry, \$2.50 per cord.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.—Grenoble Walnuts, 16c; Tarragona almonds, 16c; princess paper shell almonds, 22c; Sicilly filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 15c; peanuts, roasted, 15c; peanuts greens, 13c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 11c; figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per lb.; dates, new, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 13½ to 11c; dried apples 6c; evaporated apples 8c per lb.

DRUGS.—Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: A lamp per pound, 3½ to 1½c, alcohol, \$5.25 gal; blanching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 4½ to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax 11 to 15c; bromide potash, 65 to 57c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chloride potash, 23 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 55c. coppers 3½ to 4c, cocaine, per oz., \$5.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 8½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica, 30 to 35c;

do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00, insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olivo, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.25 to 3.25 per gallon; oxalico acid, 13 to 16 potass iodide, \$1.25 to 1.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetro; 10 to 12c; sal rochelle 30 to 35c; sheliac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3½ to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per cz.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. cans, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$21.30. Staminol—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz., \$5.10; do, 8 oz., \$7.65; do, 16oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$1.25

FISH.—Winnipeg market jobbing prices are: Salmon, 11c; halibut, 11c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 6c; pickerel 4c; pike 2½ to 3c; perch 2 to 2½c; kippered goldeyes 90c doz.; oysters, \$1.80 to \$2 per gal.; Cured fish are quoted: Boneless codfish, 40lb boxes 7c, do crates 7½c; boneless fish, 40lb boxes, 5c; smoked herrings, 15 to 20c box; bloaters, large, \$1.35 per box; bloaters, small, \$1.00 per box; dry cod \$6 per box of 100 lbs.; salt whitefish, \$5.50 per barrel of 100 pounds; salt lake trout, \$6.50 per barrel; salt herring, ½-barrel \$4.

GREEN FRUITS.—Apples fit for shipping are about out of the market. The expected advance in oranges has taken place, amounting the 50c per box. All California fruits are held firm, owing to the recent frost there and prices will likely be higher than usual this year for some lines. Bananas are arriving freely, but arrivals this week have been mostly too green for immediate use. Pineapples have generally sold about \$1 per dozen. Prices are: Lemons Messinas, \$1 to \$1.75 per box; California naval oranges, \$1.75 to \$5.00 per box; California seedlings, \$3.75 to \$10; Bananas, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per bunch as to size, a few very small bunches sell as low as \$2.00; Apples, eastern Canada \$5.50 to \$5 per barrel; pineapples, \$3.50 to \$5 per dozen as to size; Apple cider, 35c per gallon, in 30 gallon barrels; comb honey \$5.25 per case of 21 sections. New maple sugar, 12c per lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per wine gallon, in gallon tins.

GROCERIES.—If reports are not exaggerated the recent frosts in California have done immense damage. Theromay, however, be some tendency to exaggerate the damage in order to obtain an advance in prices on stocks of last seasons fruit still held. A Los Angeles telegram states that the situation there with regard to crops is bad. Apricots will prove about a total loss. Grapes will yield only a quarter crop. Canning peaches and pears will be a quarter less than the average, and there will only be a half crop of prunes. Regarding sugars: Willett & Gray of New York say: Raws declined 1-16c, but refined is unchanged. The demand for refined has been satisfied for the time being, and this has resulted in the slightly weaker tone for raws.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—No change in the local market is reported. The wet weather has interfered considerably with business. Cement is firm abroad. Prices are:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 2S lb. ingots, per lb, 20 to 21c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20,

per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C. charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$9.50 to 9.00.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.50 to \$2.65, band iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to 3.15; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast tool steel, per lb, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to 3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5½c. 28 gauge, per lb., 5½c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

CHAIN.—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb. 6½ to 6¾; ¼ inch, per lb, 6 to 6½; 5-16 inch, per lb., 5½ to 6c; ¾ inch, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 4¾ to 5c; ½ inch, per lb., 4¾ to 5c.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4½c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 5½c lb., broken lots, 6c.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 10c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 11½c base; cotton, ½ to ¾ inch ar 1 larger, 16c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3 to 3.10; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$3.90 keg; 2½ inch, \$1.20 keg; 2 inch, \$1.50 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 to 50 per cent.

LUMBER.—Following is the price list of the Winnipeg dealers, at yards or delivered in the city, prices being net.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1.

Sizes	12ft.	14ft.	16ft.	18ft.	20ft.	22ft.	24ft.
2x4 to 2x12	13.50	15.50	18.50	19.50	21.50	21.50	22.50
3x6 to 3x12	20	20	20	21	21	23	24
4x4 to 4x12							
6x6 to 6x12							
and 8x8	22	22	22	23	24	25	25
8x10 to 12x12	22	22	22	23	24	25	25
2 x 4 - 10 at \$20.50.							
2 x 6 to 2 x 12 - 10 at \$18.							

No. 2 dimension \$2 less than No. 1.

Dimension, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$26. Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$28. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in depth and width Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2 per M. less than pine. Cull Plank, all widths at \$12 per M. B. C. Fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30 per M. 32 to 40 ft., \$33; 40 to 60ft., \$36. \$1 per M. extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards.—1st. common boards, red pine \$25; 2nd. common boards, \$18; 3rd. common boards, \$16; No. 1 cull boards, \$12; No. 2 cull boards, \$9, Spruce boards, \$16; \$1 per M. extra for stock boards. \$2 per M. less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$30; No. 2, box boards, 14 in and up, \$26. Extra dressing per M. \$1.50.

Siding, Flooring and Coiling.—2nd 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine \$38.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine \$28.50; 1st 4 5 and 6 inch red pine \$32.00; 2nd 4 5 and 6 inch red pine \$32.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine \$26.00; 4th 5 and 6 inch red and white \$20.00; B. C. No. 1 fir \$36.00; B. C. No. 2 fir \$32.00; B. C. No. 3 fir \$28.00; B. C. spruce \$35.00. 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce native \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine \$25.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling 39.00, No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling \$33.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling \$28.00; \$1.00 per M. advance for dressed both sides.

Bevil Siding.—No. 1 white pine \$26.00; No. 2 red and white \$23.00.

Shiplap.—6 inch 18.00; 8 and 10 inch \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch 19.00; Spruce, 6 inch \$18.00.

Shingles.—B. C. cedar per M. No. 1 \$3.00; B. C. cedar per M. No. 2 \$2.50; B. C. cedar dimension shingles \$4.00; B. C. cedar shingles band sawed \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M. \$2.75; No. 2 pine per M. \$2.25; No. 3 pine per M. \$2.00.

Lath.—Pine lath, per M \$3.00.

Finishing—1 1/2 inch, 1 1/4 inch and 2 inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$55; white pine, select, \$15; white pine, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$10.00; red pine, select, \$32.00; B. C. cedar clear, \$55.00; B. C. fir clear and stepping, \$45.00. \$5.00 per M. advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker.

One inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$48.00; white pine, select, No. 1, \$38; white pine, select, No. 2 (extra 1st com.) \$30; red pine, clear, \$10; red pine, select, \$30; B. C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

Oak, red and white—1st and 2nd, \$55 to \$35; Common, \$40.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2 x 1/2 per 100 feet lineal, 75c; lattice, 3/4 x 1/2 per 100 ft. lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25; window and door stop, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 3/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$1.00; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$4.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.30; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$1.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x1, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35; wainscot cap, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c.

Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent.

Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices.

All shop work at special net prices.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—Prices here are as follows:

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 to \$6 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, 5 1/2c; yellow ocre, 2 1/2c; golden ocre, 4c; Venetian, red, French, 3 1/2c; Venetian, red, English, 3 1/2c; English purple oxides, 1 1/2c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. 1/2 per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c, English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 90c per lb.; less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 20c.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; palo oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1;

goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; puro orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and do not include cost of cans. Five-gallon cans are charged at the rate of 55 to 65 cents each.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12 1/2 to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$4.00, benzine, per case, \$4.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50, Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75, diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$9; Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.00, plasterer's hair, \$1.00 per bale, putty, per lb., 3 1/2c. for less than barrels; barrels, per lb., 3c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 61c: boiled, per gal., 64c in barrels.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 60c; less than barrels, per gallon, 55c.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 2 1/2c; crescent, 2 7/8c; oleophane, 2 9/16c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 3 1/4c for coceno and 30c for sunlight.

RAW FURS.—The following quotations give the range here. The prices cover the range from small to large skins, size, color and condition being considered though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on account of being killed out of season.

Badger	\$0 05 to \$0 60
Bear, black or Brown	5 00 to 24 00
Bear, yearlings	2 00 to 8 00
Bear, grizzly	5 00 to 22 00
Beaver, large	5 50 to 7 50
" medium	3 00 to 4 50
" small	50 to 2 50
" cubs	25 to 60
" castors, per lb	2 50 to 5 50
Fisher	3 00 to 8 00
Fox, cross	50 to 10 00
" kitt	10 to 40
" red	25 to 1 50
" silver	20 00 to 75 00
Eynx, large	1 00 to 2 25
" medium	1 00 to 2 00
" small	75 to 1 25
Marten dark	1 00 to 4 50
" Pale or Brown	1 00 to 3 50
" Light pale	75 to 1 75
Mink	50 to 1 50
Musquash, winter	03 to 10
" spring	05 to 15
Otter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 70
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 1 50
" prairie	25 to 65
" brush or large prairie ..	75
Wolverine	1 00 to 4 00

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—GENERAL SITUATION.—Wheat has been depressed this week, perhaps the principal cause of weakness being favorable crop reports from the winter wheat states, where the crop is well advanced. European crops are also very favorably reported on. About the only strong feature has been the continued wet weather in the Northwest, which is seriously delaying seeding. Prolonged rains have covered a wide area of country in the great spring wheat belt in Canada and

the United States. The closing of May wheat deals has also been a weakening factor. Exports of wheat, flour included, from both coasts of the United States this week were smaller than last week, amounting to 1,260,000 bushels against 1,285,000 bushels last week, and totals between two and a half and three million bushels in corresponding weeks in three preceding years. In the like week in 1892 the total was 3,951,000 bushels.

WHEAT.—LOCAL SITUATION.—The local market has been very dull and values have been weak. The decline, however, is almost nominal, owing to the limited business doing. In Manitoba country markets there has been next to nothing doing, and prices paid to farmers have varied from 40 to 52c for best samples. Navigation opened at our lake ports on Monday last, when several steamers arrived and took on loads of wheat as soon as they had discharged their cargoes, thus making space at the elevators to resume shipments from interior points. There will be a large movement eastward at once from the large stocks held in store at lake and interior points. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended April 25th were 9,213 bushels; shipments 14,201; in store 3,916,159 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 904,206, and two years ago 1,771,833 bushels, and three years ago 3,200,000. Receipts at Fort William for the corresponding week last year were 49,445 bushels and shipments 83,593. The weather cleared up yesterday and is bright to-day, after a prolonged wet spell, and dry weather is now earnestly hoped for. Much of the seeding will be about a month later than last year, allowing for fine weather for the balance of the seeding season. The year 1891 was, however, about as late as this year. The first seeding done at the Manitoba experimental farm in 1891 was on May 1, but notwithstanding the late spring, the harvest was earlier than that of 1895. The earliest wheat cut in 1891 was on August 13, while with seeding done about a month earlier in 1894, the earliest wheat cut was on August 17, two days later, and the average was a week or ten days later in 1895, compared with 1891. Prices have been easier particularly toward the close of the week. No. 1 hard was quoted early at 66 to 67c, but today values range at about 65c at Fort William.

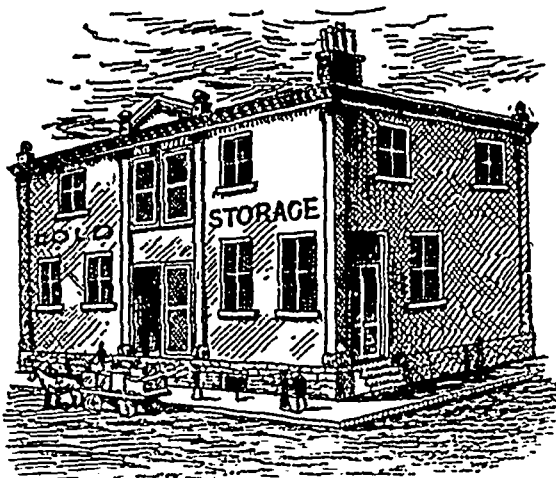
FLOUR.—There has been no change in prices. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.85 to \$1.90 for patents and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for strong bakers per sack of 48 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.40 to \$1.45; XXXX \$1.15 to \$1.20, delivered. Brands of country mills are offered at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS.—City mills are still selling at \$3 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots.

OATS.—There is next to nothing doing in oats, but a better movement is looked for when elevator and shipping space is relieved by the shipment of a portion of the wheat now in store. Prices are about the same. We quote car lots on track, country points at 10 cents to 13 cents as to quality and freight rates. A No. 2 white would be worth about 12 1/2 to 13c in the country and No. 2 mixed 11 to 11 1/2c for car lots. In the Winnipeg market, for local consumption, 16 to 17c per bushel of 31 pounds is paid to farmers, and up to 18c has been paid for a few loads of choice milling.

BARLEY.—The demand is almost nil. We quote car lots nominal at 13 to 15c, in the country for No. 3 and under. For local trade 17 to 18c would be paid, per bushel of 48 pounds, for loads, to farmers.

WHEAT.—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is nominal at 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.



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OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is selling at about \$1.25 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers.

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BUTTER.—All butter markets appear to be getting into bad shape again, though this may be owing to a desire to clear off stocks of fodder goods before new grass butter comes in. As soon as new grass butter comes in, fodder goods will have to drop to a back position, and will be very slow sale. It is therefore very desirable that country dealers should not hold this class of goods. The make of early creamery has been large this year in the east. Owing to the low price of cheese, the cheese factories have been making butter instead of turning out fodder cheese, thus making a large supply of early creamery butter. As soon as the grass comes these factories will start to make cheese. Butter is very low in United States markets. Choice creamery has sold in San Francisco for the British Columbia trade as low as 15c. and at Chicago choice creamery sold down to 13½c. The local market is lower, the best dairy tubs or rolls jobbing even in small lots at 14c, making a drop of 2c in the last couple of weeks. Rolls are very slow now, and it is not advisable to ship rolls. Only fresh, sweet goods, will bring the outside price. Held stock or anything not strictly good can only be quoted at 10 to 11c. The market is practically a local one, though a little shipping is being done east and west.

CHEESE.—Cheese is jobbing here in small lots at 9c for the now government dairy school article.

EGGS.—The jobbing price has ruled at 10c this week, though some have been sold at 9½c. Dealers and packers are paying 9c for round lots.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure \$1.80 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound; cases of 80, one lb. tins, \$3.60.

CURED MEATS.—For canvassed meats, ½c per pound added to prices below. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; smoked jowls, 5½ cents. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb; shoulders, 6c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$18.00; clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6½c; German sausage, 6½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—Prices are about the same as last week. We quote city dressed beef at 5 to 5½c and mutton at 7 to 8c for frozen and 9c for fresh. Country dressed hogs 4½ to 5c, Veal, 5 to 6½c.

POULTRY.—Prices are: Chickens, 12c per lb; turkeys, 11c; geese 12c; ducks 10c per lb, for nicely dressed stock.

VEGETABLES.—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes, 12 to 15c per bushel, scarcely any sale for potatoes; cabbage 40 to 75c per dozen, as to size; celery 25 to 40c per dozen bunches; onions 40c per bushel; turnips 10 to 15c per bushel; parsnips, 40 to 50c bushel; carrots 80 to 10c beets 25c bushel. A little hot-house greenstuffs is offering at

40c per dozen bunches for lettuce, radishes, etc.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.—Hide markets continue weak. Montreal has declined another 1c for hides, making a total decline there of 4½c from the top price of some months ago. Here prices are the same as last week, but a further drop is possible, unless outside markets improve soon. We quote: Country hides, flat, 8½ to 9½c, green city hides, No. 1 4c, No. 2 8c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb.; deacons, 15 to 20c each; kips 3 to 4c; sheep and lambskins, recent kill, 50 to 60c; clips 3 to 5c, tallow 8½ to 10 rendered, and 2c rough.

WOOL.—The weather has been too cold and backward to look for much wool yet, but two or three small lots have come in, for which about 9c has been paid, and it is doubtful if the price will go any higher this season, the present outlook for wool being unsatisfactory, especially for fine territory wools. Stocks of the latter class of wools are very large, and with a lot of old wool held and new clip now offering, prices are low. Good down and lustrous wools will be in best demand, and possibly up to 9½c may be paid for the most desirable sorts. At Boston, the leading United States wool market, prices at last report were in favor of buyers and supplies excessive, particularly for territory wools, which were offered at 80c for fine scoured. Another series of wool sales opened at London on April 28. Merinos were 5 per cent lower, and greasy cape ½d lower. Few United States buyers present.

SENECA ROOT.—Nominal at about 19c here.

HAY.—There was a little squeeze in hay this week, owing to the practically impassable condition of the roads, from continuous rains, thus preventing baling and hauling to the shipping points. Car lots sold on track here at \$7 per ton for baled, and \$8 was paid for smaller lots. A few loads of loose sold at \$8 to \$10 on the street. Some held stocks of very poor quality were cleaned out. Car lots at point of shipment, \$1 to \$1.50 per ton.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—Local butchers are paying about \$2.75 to \$3 for the best cattle wanted, 3c now being an outside price. Good fat cows would bring about 2½ to 2¾c. The highest price reported was 3½c for a few picked export cattle, but very few bring this price, perhaps only three or four in a car lot. The average price paid for shipping cattle is considerably under 3c. Buyers are selecting very carefully, and paying as low as 2½c for some. A couple of train loads of export cattle went forward during the week.

SHEEP.—There is very little doing in sheep. We quote 4 to 4½c off cars here for the local trade. Lambs, \$2.50 to \$1 each.

HOGS.—The tendency is easier, though we quote the same at 3½c off cars here for good average loads. Receipts have been quite liberal of late. From 3 to 3½c has been paid in the country for hogs to ship to British Columbia.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat.—Cars of wheat are quoted north and west at 76 to 77c and white at 78, north and west. Goose wheat is held on the Midland at 60c. Manitoba wheat is steady. Cars of No. 1 hard sold North Bay yesterday at 79c, it is quoted at 66½c to 67½c afloat Fort William May and 73c Midland; No. 1 northern is quoted at 71½c and No. 2 hard at 70c Midland.

Flour.—Cars of straight roller are being imported at Montreal at \$3.45 from the United States to ship in bond to Newfoundland. Cars of Ontario straight roller are offering east, in wood at \$3.60.

Millfeed.—Cars of shorts are quoted at \$11 to \$12 and bran at \$10.50 to \$10.75 west.

Barley.—Nominal at 88 to 89c for No. 1, 84c for No. 2 and 29c to 30c for cars of feed outside.

Oats.—Dull. Mixed are quoted at 20½ to 21c wet, country points, and cars of white sold west at 21c.

Butter.—The receipts continue to be much in excess of the demand and prices are easier. Creamery deliveries are large. In order to get rid of it dealers have dropped quotation on this line. We quote:—Dairy tubs 11c to 12c, medium dairy tubs 8c to 9c; low grade dairy tubs, 6c to 7c; choice large rolls, 13c; dair pound prints, 15c; fresh made creamery tubs, 18c; creamery pound prints, 18c.

Eggs.—Sales at 9½ to 10c.

Potatoes.—We quote: Car lots, 16c to 18c.

Baled Hay.—A sale of three cars of choice No. 1 was reported at \$15.—Globe, April 29.

The Live Stock Interest.

The weather since the first of April, says the Medicine Hat Times, of April 21, has been exceedingly hard on cattle on the ranges. The winter was passed through with little or no trouble, but the out-of-season storms of April were found very trying on cattle of all kinds. Some losses are reported among young cattle and calves. The weather this week has turned out spring-like.

For some time the sheep-breeders of Alberta territory have been asking for the establishment of a sheep quarantine to protect their flocks from scab, which is alleged to exist south of the boundary. After going into the matter Dr. Montague has authorized the establishment of a 31 day quarantine.

At Liverpool on April 27, the market was weak for sheep and prices declined 1c per lb. Cattle were about steady, best States cattle were quoted at 10½c and Argentines at 9½c. Best sheep 12c, and at London 10½c.

At the East End Aattoir, Montreal, on April 27, the supply was far in excess of local requirements, and a number were left over. Poorer grades sold slowly. Choice steers and heifers sold at 3½ to 3¾c; good, 3c to 3½c; fair, 2½ to 2c, and common, 2 to 2½c per lb. live weight. Spring lambs sold at \$2.50 to \$1 each as to size. Sheep sold at 3c to 4c per lb. live weight. The feature of the Point St. Charles market, Montreal, on April 27, was the easier feeling in hogs and prices were ½c per lb. lower on the inside. Sales at 4c to 4½c per lb.

At Toronto on April 28, receipts were heavy. Receipts of hogs were the largest in the history of the market. Best butchers cattle sold at 3½c to 3¾c lb., and medium from 2½ to 2¾c. Export cattle were not offered freely. Few head sold at 3½ to 3¾c lb. Bulls were dealt in at 2½ to 3½c per lb., according to quality. Sheep and lambs were quiet. Yearlings were sold at 4½ to 5½c lb. Spring lambs sold at \$3 to \$1 each. Sheep were little firmer at 8c to 3½c lb. Milch cows and springers easy at \$15 to \$35 each. Hogs firm, and unchanged at 4c for best bacon hogs off cars; heavy and light fat hogs, \$3.60 to \$3.75 per 100 pounds; stores, \$3.70 to \$3.75.

D. P. McLaurin, formerly in the grain trade at Brandon, is dead.

The Winnipeg Cold Storage & Refrigerator Co. have issued a very neat little leaflet, giving storage rates, description of their building and other information regarding the cold storage of goods. The new warehouse will be completed and ready for the reception of goods on July 1 next.

J. S. Douglas, a Winnipeg fur and shoe dealer, who was arrested in Montreal some time ago, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences, and whose case was remanded to Winnipeg for trial, was up in the police court here on Thursday. The case was remanded. Douglas is out on bail,



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REGISTERED TRADE MARK

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

On Monday wheat was irregular and generally lower, with some firm spots. Prices closed about $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ under Saturday, influenced by favorable crop news. Light export demand and liquidation. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat.....	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	8 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	4 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 85
Short Ribs..	4 10	4 10	4 25

On Tuesday wheat was quiet and easy, declining with favorable crop news and large spring wheat receipts, but partly recovered on improved export demand. Closing prices were:

	March	May	July
Wheat.....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	62	63 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	29	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	8 15	8 15	8 35
Lard.....	4 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs..	4 05 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 07 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 22 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Wednesday wheat continued easy, though there was an advance owing to unfavorable crop reports from the spring wheat districts, owing to excessive rains, but weakened again, influenced by good European crop news. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat.....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	62	63 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	8 05	8 05	8 25
Lard.....	4 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs..	4 00	4 00	4 15

On Thursday wheat was rather firmer, influenced by bad weather in the spring wheat regions of the northwest. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July
Wheat.....	62	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	61
Corn.....	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	8 10	8 10	8 25
Lard.....	4 70	4 70	4 85
Short Ribs..	4 02 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 02 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 20

The strong feature on Friday was wet weather to delay seeding in the Northwest, but against this were large receipts of spring wheat, fine winter wheat crop weather, weak cables and free speculative selling. Prices declined. Closing prices were:

	May	July	Sept.
Wheat.....	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	7 95	8 10	8 30
Lard.....	4 75	4 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 02 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs..	4 02 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 15	4 30

Wheat was weak on Saturday, influenced by favorable crop weather. July option opened at 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and only got $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ above the opening, and touching 61¢. Closing prices were:

	May	July	Sept.
Wheat.....	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31
Oats.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	7 92 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 02 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Lard.....	4 77 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs..	—	4 20	—

A week ago to-day, July wheat closed at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and a year ago at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and two years ago, also at 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, May 2, May delivery closed at 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and July delivery at 69¢. A week ago July closed at 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday as follows: May delivery at 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; for July. A week ago July wheat closed at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and two weeks ago at 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, July 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Tuesday—May, 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, July, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Wednesday—May, 63¢, July, 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Thursday—May, 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, July, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Friday—May, 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, July, 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Saturday—May, 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, July, 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

A week ago Saturday price closed at 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for May. A year ago May delivery closed at 67¢. Two years ago May closed at 61¢, and three years ago at 70¢. No. 1 hard was quoted at about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of April 23 reports flour steady and fairly firm with prices as follows in barrels, f.o.b.: First patents, \$3.15 to \$3.50; Second patents, \$3.10 to \$3.20; First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2; Export baker's, \$2.45; second export baker's \$2 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. jute, \$9.50. The only change from a week ago is a decline of 75¢ per ton for red dog.

Milstuffs.—Bran in bulk \$6.00 to \$5.25. Bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$7 to \$7.25. Bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$7.50 to \$7.75; Shorts \$6.00 to \$6.25; Middlings, fine, \$7.50.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending April 30 were \$801,051; balances, \$112,389. For the previous week clearings were \$867,103. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$778,907, and for the week two years ago, \$632,077. For the month of April clearings were \$1,032,458 as compared with \$3,093,079 for April, 1895, and \$2,958,866 for April, 1891.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	April 23.
Montreal.....	\$9,417,133
Toronto.....	5,704,842
Halifax.....	1,112,851
Winnipeg.....	867,103
Hamilton.....	623,515
Total.....	\$17,725,502

Clearings for the week ended April 30 were:

Montreal.....	\$8,461,639
Toronto.....	5,701,931
Halifax.....	1,120,363
Winnipeg.....	810,511
Hamilton.....	501,363

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain.—The feature of the grain market yesterday was the activity in oats. Sales of several cars of No. 2 Manitobas were made at 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; No. 2 Ontarios at 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, at No. 2 mixed for export at 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Prices were: No. 2 oats, per 34 lbs, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; Barley, feed, 33 to 39¢; Barley, malting, 52 to 51¢.

Flour.—A fair local trade was reported in Manitoba grades of flour today. Prices were: Winter wheat, \$1.10 to \$1.25; spring wheat, patents \$1.00; Straight roller, \$3.75 to \$3.80; Straight roller, bags \$1.75 to \$1.80; Extra, bags \$1.55 to \$1.65; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Oatmeal.—The demand for oatmeal continues slow. Prices are: Standard, bris \$3.00 to \$3.10; granulated, bris \$3.10 to \$3.20;

rolled oats, bris \$2.80 to \$2.90; rolled wheat, per 100 lbs \$2.40 to \$2.50.

Food.—Bran, \$14 to \$15; shorts \$15 to 16.

Butter.—Butter continues heavy in tone. Creamery was offered at 17, and it is almost certain that holders would shade this price if they had a chance of a good sale.

Eggs.—Market active and steady at 10¢ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per dozen.

Maple.—Maple syrup in wood moved fairly well at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 5¢ per lb., and in tins at 50 to 55¢. Sugar slow at 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb.

Beans.—The market for beans was quiet at 90¢ to 95¢ for choico hand-picked in car lots, and at \$1 to \$1.05 in small quantities.

Cured Meats.—Prices are: Canadian short cut, clear, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canadian short cut, mess, \$13 to \$13.50; hams, city cured, per lb., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; lard, in pails, 8¢; bacon, per lb, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; lard, com. refined, per lb., 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Mazette, April 29.

British Columbia.

Edwin Cummings, Hotel, Kaslo is burned out, estimated loss, \$5,000, no insurance.

Gotting & Henderson, hotel, New Denver, burned out.

S. J. Thompson, pictures, etc., New Westminster, selling out by auction.

Sibbald & Pease, commission, Revelstoke, have dissolved. R. A. H. Sibbald continues.

Hunter Bros Kendrick & Co., general store, Rossland have dissolved. Hunter Bros, continue.

Madden & Carr, hotel, Trail Creek, are succeeded by J. M. Jordan.

Cunningham & Hinton, electric goods, Victoria, have dissolved. G. C. Hinton continues.

Rebucche, B., fruits, etc., Victoria, is reported to have left town.

F. J. Dawley, hotel, Victoria and Esquimalt, advertises his Victoria business for sale.

Black & McFarlane, Wellington, have dissolved. John Black continues.

The chattel mortgage is in possession of the stock of C. R. Masters, dry goods, Wellington.

Mattson & Rouma, general store, Wellington, have dissolved. Mattson continues.

The following particulars have been reported concerning the Ainsworth fire on April 26. It started in the Columbia Hotel, owned by John McNeill. When first seen the flames were bursting from a window in the second story. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The flames swept to the Windsor Hotel. This is a large unoccupied three story building, and caught like tinder.

Next some shacks and then the Ainsworth Hotel, owned and occupied by Charles Olson. Then across the street to the Vancouver Hotel, owned by M. McKinnon, and the store of the Ainsworth Trading company. Club saloon, and H. Geigerich's general store. The estimated loss and insurance is: H. Geigerich, loss \$5,000; insurance \$3,000; Ainsworth Trading company, \$1000, no insurance; John McNeill, loss between \$1,000 and \$5,000; Charles Olson, loss on Ainsworth Hotel and Club saloon, \$6,000, fully insured; Vancouver Hotel, loss \$5,000, fully insured.

G. Dunlop, general store, Binscarth, Mau., has sold out to Brown, Smellie & Co.

The Ontario and Western Lumber Co of Rat Portage, is applying for incorporation under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Act.

Neopawa, April 30.—Seeding operations have been entirely suspended owing to rain, which commenced on Monday and continued without abatement up to to-night.

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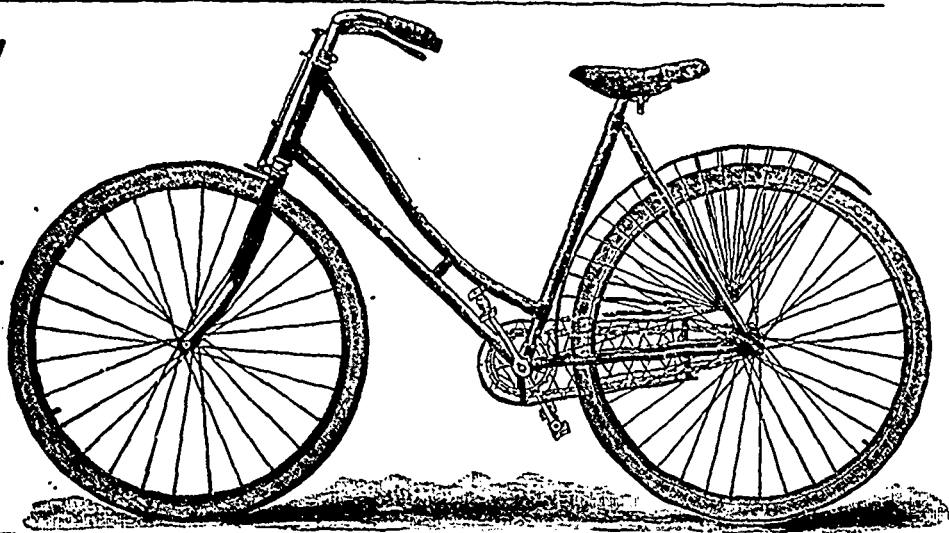
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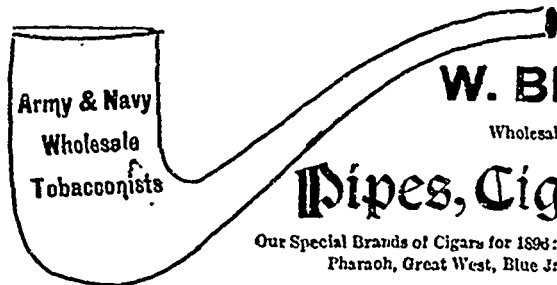
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Manitoba Government Dairy School

The following report of the first season of the Manitoba Dairy School has been received: When the dairy school opened on January 5th last there were 32 students for the professional butter and cheese makers' course. This course lasted until the 25th of February, the four remaining days of the month being devoted to examination. Only 20 students out of the 32 wrote on the examinations, some having been prevented by illness and other things from attending all the lectures. All students taking the examination were required to write on "milk testing" but it was optional as to whether they wrote on "butter making" or "cheese making." Many elected to take all three subjects. The following schedule gives the names of successful students and the percentage taken by each (the maximum being 100) in the different subjects. Two ciphers in a column indicate that the student did not write on that subject. A dash in a column indicates below 60 marks:

Name of student.	Butter-making.	Cheese-making.	Milk testing.
A. F. Maid	100	100	75
H. Piggott	100	97	70
R. L. Broad	95	80	70
F. Lutley	85	00	83
J. E. Munroe	80	68	81
Alex. Scott	85	—	80
P. V. Caroy	65	73	60
C. G. Burke	75	—	70
G. P. Michael	85	—	—
E. Loney	70	—	—
J. Mitchell	00	60	—
J. J. Carey	00	—	80
Robt. Garden	—	—	70
W. Kirkley	—	—	70

In order to obtain a certificate it was necessary for a student to take at least 60 per cent. in each subject. It will be seen from the foregoing that 10 were successful in butter-making, 6 in cheese making, and 11 in milk testing.

On the 1st of March the "Farm Dairy Course" opened. For this there were 132 applications received.

Owing to lack of accommodation only 97 of these actually took the course. No examinations were held in this course. The school closed on April 25th, and all the machinery has been removed and stored. It is expected when the school opens in January, 1897, that much more convenient premises will have been secured.

There were no women in the professional classes this year, but as a number of women came in for the "Farm Dairy Course," and intended working during the summer, it is expected quite a number will apply for the professional course next year. There is nothing in the creamery system of butter making which a woman cannot handle readily. The turning of a De Laval Separator is not nearly as back-breaking a job as carpet sweeping, and though the making of cheese involves heavier work, none of it is as hard as a day's washing. Perhaps one of the greatest benefits arising from the school is the fact that many have been led to see what a desirable business the making of good butter and cheese really is.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 25, 1896, shows a decrease of 537,000 bushels, against a decrease of 2,850,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,812,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 153,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years,

as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1894.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	28,581,000	20,222,000	81,232,000	48,907,000
Feb. 5...	33,376,000	79,823,000	81,232,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,706,000	75,689,000	79,084,000	41,554,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,453,000	77,054,000	41,036,000
May 6...	62,106,000	65,153,000	73,069,000	38,106,000
June 3...	52,292,000	59,394,000	71,090,000	37,910,000
July 1...	44,610,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	34,283,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	61,010,000	59,124,000	33,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,764,000	60,169,000	58,140,000	32,760,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,814,000	67,276,000	31,256,000
Nov. 4...	52,890,000	80,017,000	71,506,000	31,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,003,000	85,170,000	78,091,000	32,530,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1894.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,830,000	70,953,000	81,738,000
" 11...	69,046,000	86,016,000	80,433,000	81,030,000
" 18...	67,923,000	85,268,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,095,000	80,234,000	81,437,000
Feb. 1...	66,731,000	83,378,000	79,333,000	81,300,000
" 8...	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,026,000	81,733,000	78,667,000	81,214,000
" 22...	64,011,000	70,476,000	77,267,000	70,443,000
March 1...	64,069,000	73,761,000	75,569,000	79,083,000
" 7...	62,696,000	72,717,000	74,617,000	79,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	73,373,000	73,259,000	79,070,000
" 21...	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,163,000	78,208,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,318,000	71,439,000	77,634,000
April 4...	61,322,000	74,703,000	70,764,000	77,293,000
" 11...	60,330,000	70,487,000	69,217,000	76,090,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,026,000	68,425,000	74,969,000
" 25...	57,946,000	65,770,000	66,533,000	75,027,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on April 18 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	922,000
Toronto	29,000
Kingston	10,000
Winnipeg	365,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,950,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	4,199,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on April 18 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	86,184,000
Pacific Coast	4,296,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains	83,896,000
Pacific Coast	11,801,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended April 25, shows a decrease of 1,433,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 81,751,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks on April 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 180,629,000 bushels, which is about 11,500,000 bushels less than the corresponding total one year ago, and more than 18,000,000 bushels less than were so held two years ago. These figures include flour.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Apr. 21 1895.	Apr. 23, 1896.
Flour, straight spring	\$3.10 to \$3.60	\$2.55 to \$3.60
Flour, straight winter	\$3.25 to \$3.75	\$2.70 to \$3.00
Wheat, No. 2 red	77c	69j to 66j
Corn, No. 2 mixed	39c	32c
Oats, No. 2	25j	22c
Rye, No. 2, Western	47c	40c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	42c	60 to 62c
Cotton, mid. upld.	8 1/2-16c	6 15-16c
Print cloths, 6x64	2c	23c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X	17 to 17j	15 to 15j
Wool, No. 1 combg.	21 to 22c	19 to 20c
Pork, mess new	\$9.00 to \$10.00	\$13.50 to 14.00
Lard, westn., stm.	5.15c	7.10c
Butter, creamery	14c	19j
Cheese, ch. cast fr.	9j	8c
Sugar, centrif., 96°	4 5-16c	3c
Sugar, granulated	5j	3 15-16c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	14 to 14j	16j
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	\$1.27	\$2.05j
Petroleum, rfd. gal.	6.95c	11c
*Iron, Bessemer	\$13.00	\$10.75
*Steel billets, ton	\$19.40	\$15.75
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Grain, Liverpool	2d	2d
Cotton	1-16d	7-64d

* Pittsburgh.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 har 1, May, Fort William, 77 to 77j.
 Flour.—Local price, per cask, 5c higher at Patents, \$2.00; Baker's, \$1.80.
 Bran.—Per ton, \$12.
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.
 Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 80 to 82c.
 Barley.—Per bushel, 40c, local freights, Flux Seed.—
 Butter.—Country dairy 10 to 12c in a small way.
 Cheese.—small lots 10c.
 Eggs.—Fresh, 7 to 8j in small lots.
 Beef.—City dressed, 6c.
 Mutton.—Fresh, 10c, frozen 7c.
 Hogs.—Dressed, 6c.
 Cattle.—Range, 8 to 4c.
 Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4j to 4j.
 Sheep.—4j to 5c.
 Soneca Root.—19c lb.
 Poultry.—Chickens, 8c, turkeys, 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c.
 Hides.—No. 1 cows, 4j.
 Wool.—Unwashed Manitoba fleeces, 9 to 10c.
 Potatoes.—80 to 40c per bushel.
 Hay.—\$1.00 per ton, car lots

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Mar. 23	Apr. 4	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 25
Extra Manitoba hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	43	7	8	11	10
No. 2 hard	21	8	5	3	2
No. 3 hard	30	21	5	0	2
No. 1 North'n	12	0	0	1	3
No. 2 North'n	0	1	0	0	0
No. 3 North'n	1	0	1	0	0
No. 1 white type	2	0	0	1	0
No. 2 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	2	1	0	0	0
No. 2 Spring	2	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted	25	15	4	3	0
No. 2 frosted	5	5	2	0	1
No. 3 Frosted	2	1	0	0	1
No. 1 Rejected	12	8	1	4	2
No. 2 Rejected	31	14	4	1	3
No Grade	4	7	0	2	1
Feed	8	1	0	3	0
Total	208	69	33	29	30
Same week last year	131	137	55	100	129

Oats.—For week ended April 25—No. 1 white, 1; No. 2 white, 4; No. 3 white, 0; No. 2 black, 0; No. 2 mixed 2; feed, 7; rejected, 0; total, 14.

Barley.—For week ended April 25—No. 2, 0; No. 3, 0; feed, 0; total, 0.

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Civic Government.

Alderman McCreary brought up the following motion at the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council, but allowed it to stand as a notice: That a special committee consisting of the chairmen of the four standing committees, the legislative committee, and aldermen Richards, Craig and Bannerman be appointed to consider such amendments to by-law 511 as may be necessary with a view to the formation of an executive board for the more expeditious government of the city. That this committee meet not later than Thursday evening and continue their sittings at least two evenings a week, in order that a report may be brought down to the council at its next regular meeting, or soon thereafter as possible.

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Revenue of the British Government.

The London Financial Times says: "The remarkable growth in the public income which took place in the fiscal year just closed is further proof, if proof were needed, of an improvement in trade and an increase in national prosperity. The advance in gross revenue amounts to no less than £7,291,000, and is the more satisfactory since it is due, not to an increase in taxation, but mainly to the natural expansion in nearly every class of receipts which follows on the advent of better times. There is, however, a good deal of irregularity about the increases shown by the four quarters of the year. Thus in the first quarter the advance was only £351,829; in the second, which proved to be the most satisfactory period of the twelve months from a revenue point of view, it amounted to £3,565,000; in the third quarter the increase was £2,153,000; and in the fourth, terminating 31st March, it amounted to £1,220,000. There has been, therefore, some falling off in the rate of increase of late, but the improvement is still very substantial. The September quarter, in which the greatest forward stride was made, was helped by one or two exceptional circumstances, such as an increase in the interest on Suez canal shares, etc., amounting to £391,000, and an advance of £630,000 in stamps, for which the mining boom was to a considerable extent responsible. It was in that quarter also that the improvement in the foreign trade first made itself felt, the result being an increase of £590,000 in customs and of £1,240,000 in the excise receipts. In the last two quarters of the year there was a steady advance in every class of receipts, except that in the March quarter a decline took place in the miscellaneous group, but it is noticeable that in the last three months the increase was not so marked as in the period immediately preceding it, and still less so than in the September quarter. Since the revenue derived from stamps affords some guide to the fluctuations of stock exchange business, it is interesting to follow the movements of this class of receipts during the four quarters. They are as follows: June quarter, increase £121,000; September quarter, increase £630,000; December quarter, increase £140,000; March quarter, increase £138,000. It will be seen that, roughly speaking, these movements correspond with the fluctuations of business on the stock exchange. For the entire twelve months stamps yielded an increased revenue of £1,290,000, a fact which demonstrates that speculative activity, whether or not it benefits individuals, is of considerable advantage to the nation at large.

The revenue for the year amounts to the huge total of £101,974,000, or an increase of £12,000 above Sir Wm. Harcourt's budget estimate. The estimated expenditure for the period £96,242,000, but this has been ex-

ceeded to the extent of £1,512,000, leaving the actual surplus for the year £1,186,000. Even the figures given do not represent the whole of the revenue, since £7,383,000 has been paid over to local taxation accounts, bringing the total receipts for the period up to £109,359,916. Of the entire advances in revenue for the year the most important is one of £3,180,000 in estate's duty, an increase which is partly accounted for by the fact that the full annual yield of the tax was realized in 1895-6, which was not the case in the previous twelve months. Next in order comes the item stamps, with the increase already referred to of £1,629,000. Excise yielded an advance of £795,000, customs one of £518,000, postoffice £620,000, property and income tax £500,000, telegraphs £260,000, and interest on Suez canal shares £276,000, etc. The only decrease was one of £332,000 in miscellaneous receipts. All this is evidence of improvement in almost every class of business, including speculation and company promotion, as well as of an advance in the spending power of the people, the last being plainly shown by the large increase in the yield of indirect taxation. Had it not been for the supplementary estimates the chancellor of the exchequer would have had a nice round surplus of close upon six millions sterling to play with. As it is he will have about four millions."

Gold in Northern Alberta.

The following reply of I. Cowie, secretary of the Edmonton board of trade, to a letter of enquiry regarding gold on the Saskatchewan river, conveys information that will be of general interest:

Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 25th ult. to Mr. Superintendent Whyte with a copy of that of Mr. Tregarden referred to therein has been handed to me for reply.

While I regret to be unable to furnish you with any scientific and technical information the facts and opinions given by the under-mentioned gentlemen may prove of service to Mr. Tregarden and any others who feel interested in Saskatchewan gold. My informants are all old residents and some of our most respected and reliable citizens.

Bar digging—M. McCauley, the acting mayor of Edmonton states: "Have made special enquiries with the following results: The mining season usually lasts from 1st May to 1st November, but during that time even with pick, shovel and grizzly, can only work on the bars during the low water, perhaps two or three months, as a flush from the mountains stops work. In 1895, within 30 miles above and the same distance below Edmonton, 300 of these men took out of the Saskatchewan \$50,000 flour gold, which was sold to the Edmonton banks. The amount mined during former years is not very accurately known. Miners began to operate here

about 1860 and have continued ever since. In early days men frequently made as high as \$20 a day, on bars never before touched, but the average now, and for many years back, is about \$2 on bars which have been worked out year after year."

Bench diggings—A few men have drifted into the banks, and have taken out gravel at Clover Bar, Point la Pée, and some other places during the winter. This gravel is washed in the spring, and yields from \$10 to \$12 per day during the wash-up. This would however, after allowing for time engaged in drifting in during the winter, represent not more than \$2 per day.

Distribution of gold bearing gravel: Mr. McCauley further states that the late Samuel Wilkinson, an experienced miner, while digging a well for him in the town of Edmonton, on the top of the hill, found at a depth of 81 feet, gravel which would on a bar, have yielded one man \$5.00 per day. He also knew a man named Hibbert, also in digging a well on the flat opposite Mr. Groat's farm, to find good pay dirt at a depth of 24 feet. He has also frequently heard of colors being found by farmers in digging wells away back on the prairie.

Theory of origin or matrix of the widely diffused gold found in Northern Alberta: The fact that our gold bearing streams, the Brazeau, a branch of the Saskatchewan, the Pembina, the McLeod and the Athabasca, head in close proximity to each other on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains immediately south of the Jasper Pass, points to a common source from which the gold is derived. Therefore a thorough prospect of the region limited by the sources of the above named rivers would probably be productive of so reliable results as to justify the government of Canada in undertaking the exploration. The theory which assumed non-existence of quartz on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains has been entirely disproved by the discovery of a large area of quartz in the Jasper Pass. The above mentioned facts, namely these auriferous streams diverging from a common source and the existence of quartz in situ on the eastern slopes, point conclusively to the necessity in the public interest of a prospect being made in the locality so clearly defied.

Owing to the continued liberal receipts of hides and the heavy stocks on hand, for which the demand from tanners is slow, the tone of the market at Montreal has continued weak and prices have scored another decline of 1c per pound to 4c for No. 1, making a decline of 2c within two or three weeks. The market is very dull and dealers state that without there is an improvement in the leather trade in the near future the prospects are very discouraging for the hide business this summer.

Lake and Rail Freight Rates.

The following statement prepared by the Board of Trade has been submitted to the Canadian Pacific Railway company. Copies have also been sent to the Boards of Trade at Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, and to the minister of railways and canals at Ottawa:

Robt. Kerr, Traffic Manager C. P. Ry. Co.:

Dear Sir—The Winnipeg Board of Trade begs to submit to you the following:

1. Notice has been given by your road that the freight rates on merchandise from Fort William to Winnipeg and proportionately to other western points, when such merchandise is carried to Fort William by independent steamboat lines are: 1st, \$1 16; 2nd, 98c; 3rd, 80c; 4th, 66c; 5th, 57c; whereas last year the rates were 92c, or 21c less; 79c, or 19c less; 65 or 15 less; 56c, or 10c less; 47c, or 10c less. This in effect is the placing in force of your ordinary local tariff on all through freight received by your road at Fort William from steamboat lines other than the C. P. R. or Beatty line, a discrimination which has never before been made by your road.

2. This Board of trade has frequently protested that your rates from Fort William, in force last year, were much higher than the circumstances of the situation warranted and the board now strenuously protests against the action of your company in virtually raising those rates at this time.

3. This board also strongly protests against any action of your company, having as a direct result the confining of the Lake Superior carrying trade to any particular steamboat lines connecting with the Canadian Pacific railway at Fort William, and the board assert that any such action by your company is directly antagonistic to the best interests of this country.

4. The board unhesitatingly declares that the positions of the C.P.R. and Beatty steamship lines are quite strong enough now, owing to the peculiar advantages they enjoy through their direct connection with the Canadian Pacific railway and the Grand Trunk railway, and that if the independent steamboat lines are driven from the Lake Superior trade by any action of discrimination in freight rates by your company from Fort William westward, the vast public works in the forms of canals undertaken and carried out by Canada at much cost and sacrifice, will, to a considerable extent, be rendered barren of the result fairly expected by the people of Canada.

5. This board wishes to point out that the fleet of Canadian vessels in the carrying trade on Lake Superior is even now totally inadequate to transport the grain and other produce of Manitoba and the Territories over the lakes and St. Lawrence to Canadian sea ports, and that largely, as a consequence, the great bulk of Manitoba grain exported to Europe is shipped by United States vessels from Fort William and Duluth to Buffalo, N.Y., and Canada loses all the profit of handling this great business at Kingston and Montreal, and this very greatly reduces the importance of Montreal as a Canadian sea port. If the independent Canadian steamboat lines now in the trade to Fort William are, in the face of the many serious difficulties under which they have labored for some years, further crippled by your company's discrimination against them in the matter of rates west of Fort William, it would seem that but one result can ensue—the independent steamers will be driven out of the trade and the grain of Manitoba will be forced to take the comparatively small capacity offered by the steamers of the Beatty, or your own line, or be handed over to American bottoms for transport to Buffalo. In view of such a most serious state of affairs, which would seem to be a natural result of action on the part of your company in discriminating between lines of steamers handling over freights to

your railroad at Fort William, this board protests against your company applying a higher rate of freight than was imposed last year on merchandise carried by your railroad west of Fort William and handed to you by independent steamboat lines on Lake Superior.

6. At a time, when the deepest regret and anxiety is experienced by the people of Canada at the decadence of the Canadian lake marine, this direct blow by your company at the weak shipping interests and the welfare of the producers and consumers of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories is viewed with alarm by this board, and it is a matter of astonishment that any temporary advantage, gained by your company by this move should weigh for a moment against the very serious consequences likely to follow. In view of the limited grain carrying capacity of the Beatty line and your own steamers when compared with the volume of grain offered this year at Fort William and the crowded state of the interior elevators, this board would expect that instead of discouragement, every encouragement would be offered by your company to the independent steamboat lines to take part to the Fort William trade, to the exclusion of the American fleet.

7. The board wishes to point out that vice-president Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, when giving sworn testimony before the late freight rates commission, on 15th April, 1895, states in regard to freight rates on east bound grain "that wheat having reached the elevator at Fort William is open to the broadest possible competition." It would appear from the present action of the company that they have adopted an entirely different policy in regard to west-bound shipments, and this board hopes that this will be speedily changed to conform with the policy recognized as applying to eastbound grain. The board therefore asks that the rates in force last season be not increased.

Dairy Trade Notes.

A creamery is being established at Neepawa, Man., promoted by J. J. Hamilton.

Mr. Hettle, of Boissvain, has rented the creamery at Manitou, Man., and expects to have it in operation by May 10.

Birtle creamery is sending a sample consignment of this year's make of butter to the British Columbia mining country.

The cheese factory at Carman, Man., will open on May 15th. The directors for the year are Geo. Clark, John Sexsmith, N. S. Read, W. F. Somers and A. Moodie.

At a meeting of the directors of the Indian Head Creamery Association it was decided to accept cream from deep setting pans as well as from separators; but the produce from the deep setting pans will not yield so large a return to the patrons as that made from the separators. Twenty-four of the patrons have purchased separators and it is expected that 15 or 20 more will yet be sold.

Montreal Gazette says: There is very little cheese now left open to buyers, as most of the remaining lots have been either consigned or sold. In fact the stock on spot is confined to a small quantity in the hands of two or three holders. Nothing additional comes from the country except that the factorymen are not making any quantity of April cheese. What is being manufactured will be entirely absorbed by the home demand.

The Montreal Gazette of April 21 says: "The creameries which contracted their April make of butter early in the month at 21c are, owing to the recent decline, on the right side of the market. The weak tone continues, and values to day scored another decline of 1c. The demand for small lots from the local trade was fair, but supplies were in excess of requirements. Creamery in round lots was offered at 18c and in a jobbing way 18½ to 19c

was paid. Choice Townships dairy sold at 16c to 17c.

The following circular has been issued to creameries and cheese factories in Manitoba. "At a meeting of the executive of the Manitoba Dairy Association, held on the 16th day of April, 1895, James C. McDonald was chosen to fill the position as agent for the association, his engagement to date from the 15th day of June next. The duties to be performed by him are as follows: To receive telegraphic reports daily, from the east, as to quotations for butter and cheese, to keep the same on file and to send a copy of them by mail, to all creameries and cheese factories at least once a week. To give such information at any time by wire if requested to do so. To reply promptly at all times to requests for information about these matters. To see that all consignments of butter and cheese to cold storage or other warehouses receive prompt attention. To notify all recognized buyers when shipments are sent to the city for sale or where such shipments are stored. To effect assurance when requested to do so at the expense of the shipper. To give all information possible to both buyer and seller to facilitate trade in dairy products. To weigh as an arbitrator, when requested to do so by both parties to a transaction. No charge will be made to the creameries or cheese factories for the weekly letter or for any service rendered by the agent, but all telegrams must be paid for by the party requesting information in that way. On or after June 15th letters and telegrams may be addressed to Mr. Macdonald at 463 Main street, Winnipeg. Prior to that date they may be sent in care of the secretary of the dairy association to "E. Cora Hind."

Financial and Insurance Items

G. Crebassa has resigned the management of Banque Nationale owing to ill health.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Bankers who have been interviewed state that they cannot account for the pronounced scarcity of funds, and the increasing demand therefor, especially as there has been no corresponding increase in the volume of business. As high as 6 per cent was paid this week for a call loan, and we quote 5½ to 6 per cent, nothing being obtainable under 5½ per cent.

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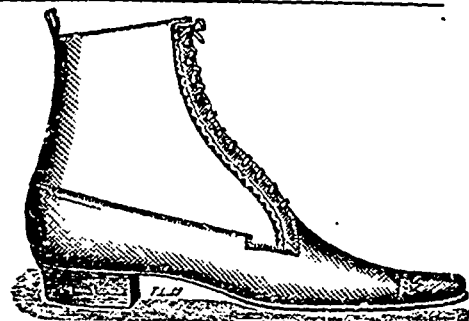
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Farming Depression.

The New York society for improving the condition of the poor recently instituted an exhaustive enquiry at a large cost into the causes of the depression of the farming interests in New York State. Mr. Kjoigaard, an intelligent Pennsylvania farmer, was employed to travel through such agricultural districts as he could reach during the summer months, in order to gather accurate information by personal enquiry. At the same time George T. Powell, of Ghent, Columbia County undertook to pursue the same lines of investigation by correspondence. The result is summed up in the statements that farming land had depreciated at an average of some 48 per cent.; that 30 per cent of the farmers are anxious to leave their farms, and would drift into the cities if they only know how to get work there; and that 86 per cent of the farmers report that their children, as they grow up, cannot be induced to remain on the farm; that tenant farming is on the increase; that 85 per cent of the New York farmers are losing money; 50 per cent dangerously near it; 14 per cent are making a profit, and 20 per cent don't know whether they are or not. It was found that in the vicinity of Cornell university, and wherever else Government agricultural experiment stations or agricultural schools exist, the condition of the farmers was much better. Ignorance of scientific methods and carelessness are the greatest drawbacks.

Reduced Cost of Food Products.

Investigations of the changes in the price of food products and other necessities of life, whether made by government officials of private students of economic and social questions, have been so largely confined to the records of the wholesale markets that it may be both interesting and valuable to show what the average cheapening of a variety of food staples has been in the last five years in a typical interior manufacturing city, and as such things affect consumers, instead of producers or boards of trade and chambers of commerce. It is notorious that great differences in the wholesale price of important products sometimes have very little effect upon the poorer classes of consumers. Bread is often sold by the loaf throughout large cities, at about the same price when wheat is 60c a bushel in Chicago that it brings when the wheat market is 20c or 30c higher, and the prices charged for beef in retail shops may have only a remote connection with the value of cattle on the hoof in Kansas City or New York.

The manager of the retail department of a prominent grocery store in a large western city has recorded changes of prices for a number of years. This concern, it is reported by a correspondent, does a business of nearly \$1,000,000 a year (retail) its trade being out of all proportion to the size of the city, as such things go in other and larger centers of commerce and industry. For a generation it has been conducted on a cash basis, and its methods of management have remained substantially unchanged. For that reason its prices constitute a fair record of the scale of values for food products as paid by retail cash buyers. The old price lists are said to show the cost of such groceries as might be bought for a boarding house or a large family say as a Saturday order, and make a striking presentation, when compared with like totals five years ago.

In preparing this table great care has been exercised to preserve quotations for like grades or quantities. The flour was of the same brand in both years, and the butter came from the same creameries. The raisins were loose muscatels from California in both instances, and there was no change in any

instance, which could affect the intrinsic values of the articles of food. The soap came from the same works, and was of exactly the same kind. The figures are as follows.

	(March, 1891.)	1896.
1 barrel flour.....	\$5.00	\$3 85
25 pounds granulated sugar...	1 78	1 26
5 pounds creamery butter....	1 75	1 25
5 dozen eggs.....	1 50	.60
5 pounds prunes.....	.80	.50
1 bushel potatoes.....	1 25	.25
8 cans tomatoes.....	.30	.21
8 cans peaches.....	.78	.51
10 pounds rolled oats.....	.45	.25
5 pounds lard.....	.50	.45
1 gallon vinegar.....	.25	.18
10 pounds buckwheat flour....	.85	.20
2 pounds evaporated apricots..	.50	.28
1 ham (11 pound*).....	1 82	1 21
1 pound black pepper.....	.18	.12
8 lbs. Java and Mocha coffee..	1 01	1 00
1 gallon maple syrup.....	1 10	.80
1 box soap.....	3 15	2 50
5 pounds raisins (1 crown)....	.80	.30
5 pounds currants.....	.40	.35
1 peck navy beans.....	.65	.25
7 pounds starch.....	.42	.25
2 pounds soda crackers.....	.16	.14

Totals..... \$21.43 \$16.71
 "The difference of \$7.72 is a decrease of 31.6 per cent in the cost of the articles enumerated. Reckoned on the present cost, it is evident that a given sum will go almost one-half farther in providing a city family with groceries than it would five years ago. Where wages have not fallen and employment is as plentiful as it was five years ago, there has evidently been a marked social improvement, through the lessened cost of food, and, therefore, in a sense a higher plane of living.
 "On the other hand the cheapening of food products has told against farmers, especially those who had old debts to pay. The changes which were a boon to millions of city people increased the difficulties of a multitude of agriculturists." Bradstreet's.

Montreal Grocery Market.

There has been no change in the situation of the sugar market during the past week. Raw sugar abroad has been fairly active and steady, cables to day quoted beet at 12s 9d April and May. In New York the market is strong and prices firm, with buyers and sellers somewhat apart. The world's visible supply of raws is steadily running down, stocks now being estimated at 348,000 tons less than this time last year. Business on spot in the refined article has been rather quiet, but refiners state that reports to hand from the west indicate that stocks in second hands are rapidly decreasing, consequently a more active trade is looked for by the opening of navigation. We quote: Granulated at 4 1/2c in 25-barrel lots and over; 4 11-16c in 100-barrel lots, and 4 1/2c in smaller quantities. Yellows range from 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c as to quality, at the factory.

In syrups, business has continued very quiet, which is generally the case at this season of the year. Stocks in first hands are light and prices rule firm at 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c per lb. as to quality, at the factory.

A fairly active trade has been done in molasses, the demand having improved for Barbadoes, and sales of 1,000 puncheons are reported to arrive at 29 1/2c. A small cargo of new crop Porto Rico has arrived here from Boston, which is selling at 3c. There is also a small cargo of Antigua on spot offering at 27c. Barbadoes at the island is still quoted at 12c first cost.

Business in spices has continued quiet and sales are now principally in small lots to fill actual wants, at steady prices. The following

quotations are what jobbers can buy at only. Penang black pepper, 6 to 7 1/2c. white pepper, 10 to 12 1/2c, cloves 7 1/2 to 9c, cassia 8 1/2 to 9 1/2c, nutmegs 60 to 90c, and Jamaica ginger 15 1/2 to 18 1/2c.

The demand for coffee has continued slow, and outside of a small jobbing trade there is nothing doing. We quote: Maracaibo 19 to 20c; Rio 18 to 18 1/2c; Java 21 to 27c, Jamaica, 17 1/2 to 18 1/2c; and Mocha 27 1/2 to 30c.

The demand for rice is improving, and the market is more active at steady prices. We quote: Japan standard \$1.25 to \$1.40; crystal Japan, \$1.75 to \$5.00; standard B. \$3.45, Patna \$1.25 to \$3.00; and Carolina at \$6.50 to \$7.50.—Gazette,—April 24.

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