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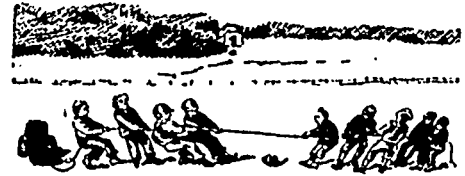
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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 10, 1896.

## Manitoba.

W. J. Winning has opened a tailor shop at Neepawa.

S. C. Wales, butcher, has opened business at Brandon.

Patterson & Co., planing mill, Winnipeg, have assigned.

Coppleman & Epstein, are opening a general store at West Selkirk.

S. T. Hopper is retiring from the general store business at Rapid City.

Titus & Son, hardware, Napinka, are dissolving; Samuel Titus continues.

The Ferguson Co., wholesale stationers, Winnipeg, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Paul, Knight & McKinnon, coal, Winnipeg and Regina, Assa., have dissolved; R. Paul retires, style unchanged.

A hail storm passed over Foxwarren district, west of Birtle, on August 2, doing much damage in its course, which fortunately was not very wide.

Letters patent have been issued to the Winnipeg Rubber Company, which has been formed with the object of carrying on business in all kinds of rubber goods.

L. W. Leithead, chemist of the Martin, Bole, Wynne Co., Winnipeg, who left last week for Duluth, where he has taken a position with a drug house, was presented with a cane by the employees of the firm before taking his departure.

At Winnipeg on the morning of August 2, the warehouse of J. D. Peck & Co. was struck by lightning and a chimney damaged. The St. Boniface woolen mill, just across the river from Winnipeg was also slightly damaged by lightning the same night.

George Strelow, contractor, employed on the Dauphin railway construction, says everything is being pushed along rapidly and the progress of the work just now is satisfactory. Grading is being rushed, track-laying has commenced, stations are being erected and indeed all along the line there is activity and push.

W. Senkbeil, who is retiring from the boot and shoe trade at Brandon, and E. Merner, formerly in the grocery trade at the same place, contemplate establishing a felt factory at Brandon. They want a loan of \$3,000 and a special rate of taxation from the municipality.

At the next meeting of the finance committee of the Winnipeg city council a request

of the Union Shoe & Leather Company for exemption from taxation for twenty years on their industry will be considered. The company propose to extend their business by erecting a new factory at a cost of \$10,000 and equip it with machinery, etc., which will cost \$20,000 more. The industry will employ steadily from fifty to sixty workmen which is a much larger number than are now employed.

## Northwest Ontario.

The Ontario Mining institute will hold its next annual meeting in Rat Portage in September.

Wm. Margach is transporting speckled trout from Port Arthur to the lakes and waters along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway west.

The Bullion Mining company of Rat Portage, has received applications for two thousand one hundred and thirty shares, over and above the twenty thousand they desired to sell. The company has now two properties in hand which they will open up; and if the indications warrant mining operations being entered upon, stock will be floated for that purpose.

## Saskatchewan.

The book store of H. L. Ingram, Prince Albert, was burglarized recently.

A building in course of erection at Prince Albert, for the Mitchell Drug Co., of Winnipeg, was discovered on fire, and some lumber was burnt.

D. D. McLeod, hotel, Prince Albert, is retiring from business.

## Assiniboia.

Lindsay & Patterson, general store, Estevan, have sold out to M. H. King.

Magee & Thompson, harness and lumber dealers, Sintaluta, have added hardware.

A. Roberts & Co., general store, Wapella; stock sold at 66½ cents to J. E. McGrath, of Saltcoats.

## Alberta.

The Edmonton board of trade has received a free railway pass for a delegate to go to British Columbia to obtain latest information about the markets there, with a view to shipping Alberta produce to that province.

Notice is given that application will be made at the next session of parliament to incorporate the Crow's Nest Pass railway with power to build and operate a line from some point at or near Lethbridge through the Crow's Nest Pass to connect with the existing railway at Nelson, British Columbia.

## Financial and Insurance Notes.

The liquidators of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba on Friday paid another dividend of ten per cent, which makes a total of ninety per cent. paid to the creditors.

The Imperial Bank contemplates erecting a banking building at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory, to cost about \$10,000.

The Winnipeg sub-section of the Canadian Bankers' Association is collecting information regarding the crops. The questions asked are as to the estimated yield and the date of the beginning of harvest.

Hon S. C. Wood, of Toronto, general manager of the Freehold Loan and Savings Co., arrived in Winnipeg on Thursday on his annual summer trip of inspection to the West. Mr. Wood will spend several weeks going through the grain fields.

Mr. Chipman of the Montreal clearing house, says the Montreal banks will shortly

decide to refuse not only United States silver but United States silver certificates.

## The Dry Goods Trade.

Notice has been received of an advance of 5 per cent on fancy yarns in worsted makes. Black and blue worsteds remain at the same quotations.

A Toronto exchange says that the large stores in Toronto have caused many dry goods merchants throughout the country to adopt the cash principle, and that it may ere long be universal. If this is the result, the big stores will have done some good after all. In order to compete with the big city stores, country dealers will be obliged to sell for cash, as selling for cash means lower prices, as there are no losses from bad debts.

The Toronto Globe dry goods report says: "Prices are firm in the British markets for woollens. The woollen manufacturers have taken a step in the right direction by reducing the time of dating. This will no doubt be followed by others. Jobbers are in sympathy with shortening the time on bills. In the United States the dating on cotton fabrics and many other goods is 80 and 60 days, with a special discount for 10-day payments. This is a better feature than the general terms now ruling in dry goods. It is to be hoped that the mills will continue in their good efforts.

## Fur Trade News.

The fur trade for the season is pretty well over at Winnipeg, most of the northern furs being in. The market is closing weak, and buyers have been bidding considerably lower on lots offered lately.

R. Secord, of Edmonton, has the robes of the only two wood buffaloes killed in the north last winter. They are magnificent specimens. Larger, darker and one of them having finer fur than any that have been brought out of late years.

The fur brought in by Colin Fraser, says the Edmonton Bulletin is the largest and most valuable lot brought in by any single trader this season. There are 3,000 marten and 1,000 beaver in the lot, besides quantities of bear, cross and red fox, rat, lynx, etc.

## Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

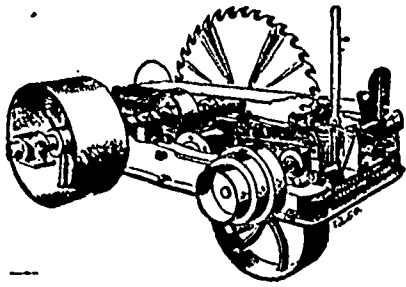
	July 31, 1896.	August 2, 1895.
Flour, straight spring..	\$2.50 to \$3.40	\$3.15 to \$3.60
Flour, straight winter..	\$2.50 to \$3.30	\$3.40 to \$3.75
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	67c	73c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	30½ to 30¾	43c
Oats, No. 2.....	23c	28c
ye. No. 2 Western.....	40c	53
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee		
Cotton, mid. upd.....	7 7-16	7c
Print cloths, 6x24.....	2 7-16	2 15-16
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X.....	16c	17 to 18c
Wool, Nc. 1 cmbg.....	19 to 20c	21 to 23c
Pork, mess new.....	7.50 to 8.25	\$11.75 to 12.25
Lard, westn., stm.....	3.50	\$6.45 to \$6.57
Butter, creamery.....	15c	17c
Cheese, ch. east 44.....	7c	7c
Sugar, centrif., 90°.....	3 5-16c	3 5-16c
Sugar, granulated.....	4c	4 7-16c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	12 to 12½c	16c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.....	\$1.04	\$1.30
Petroleum, rid. gal.....	6.65c	7.10
*Iron, Best, pg.....	\$11.50	\$14.50
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$19.00	\$21.75
Ocean Steam Freight.....		
Grain, Liverpool.....	2d	1½d
Cotton.....		5-64d

\* Pittsburgh.

## Silver.

The market this week has been featureless with scarcely any change in quotations. Trading in bullion certificates here amounted for the week to 230,000 ounces at from 68½ up to 69½c. Silver prices on July 31 were:

London 81½d; New York 68½c.—Bradstreet's,

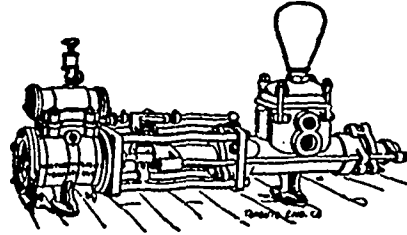


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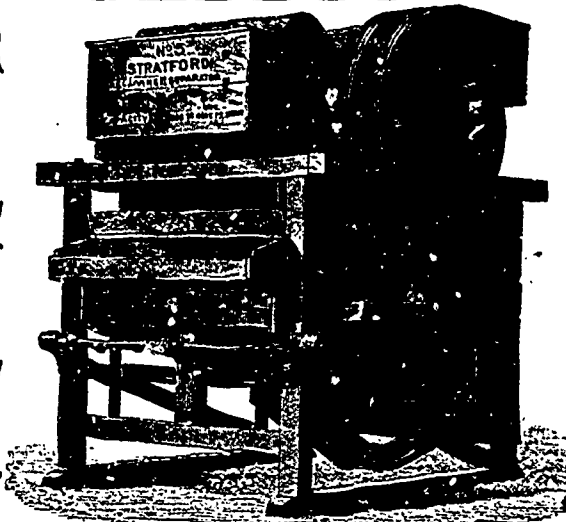
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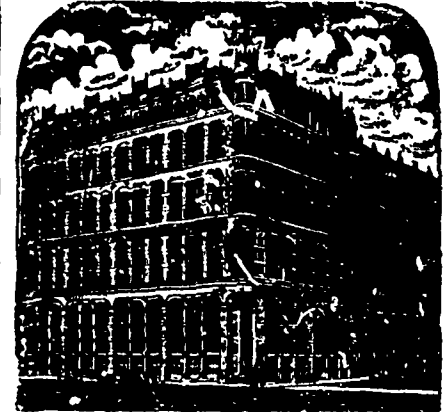
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## TRANSMISSION OF POWER.

It is reported that a Russian electrician has solved the problem of the transmission of power long distances. If this proves true, it will bring about almost a revolution in manufacturing industries, greatly cheapening the cost of manufacturing in many cases. The electrician who is alleged to have solved this problem is Nicola Tesla. He has been making the transmission of electric energy a special study for some time. He claims he will be able to transmit power a distance of 500 miles at a fraction of the cost of generating power by steam. This is a problem which scientific men have been trying to solve for some time. Heretofore it has been found impossible to transmit electric energy over long distances at a profit, owing to the heavy waste of power in transmitting. To overcome this loss has been the effort which has been put forth by those interested for some years.

Winnipeg is greatly interested in the solution of this problem. We have at Keewatin, 180 miles distant, a magnificent water-power, already developed at a large cost. If Nicola Tesla is right in his declarations, we will no doubt have this power transmitted to Winnipeg in quick order. There are numerous water-powers on the Winnipeg river, within 100 miles or thereabouts of Winnipeg which could also be utilized, if they were required, and further north there is the enormous water-power of the Grand Rapids of the Saskatchewan, less than 300 miles distant, and beyond this again the unlimited water-powers of the Nelson and other rivers. If Nicola Tesla can transmit power at half the cost of steam power, in a country where coal is cheap, what will it mean in Winnipeg, where coal costs almost double the price figured on by the electrician?

## ASSISTING THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

The Commercial has stated that it was opposed to the proposal that the government should go into the dairying business in the Territories, on the ground that it would be competing with private enterprise. This did not apply to Prof. Robertson's plan of encouraging dairying in the Territories. His plan is not that the government should establish and carry on dairies, but rather that the government should assist the farmers to establish a dairy, and see that it is conducted properly until it can be taken over by the farmers. Briefly, his plan provides that when a number of farmers have raised a certain sum of money, and have a certain number of cows, the government will advance a further sum sufficient to establish a properly equipped factory. The government would take charge of the factory, charging the cost of manufacturing, and also retaining one cent per pound to repay the loan. By the time the loan was repaid, it is expected that each local company would have acquired sufficient experience to enable the directors

to carry on the business profitably, allowing the government to withdraw entirely from the company. Virtually the government would be a managing partner with the local company in the business, until a sum sufficient to wipe out the loan had been provided on the basis of one cent retained from every pound of product sold. The stock held in the company by the government, would of course be divided between the general patrons on the retirement of the government. It is pointed out that this plan could be put into effect without materially increasing the cost at present borne by the government in connection with its dairy work, as the dairy commissioner and his present staff would be able to look after the operation of the system. By adopting this plan, the establishment of properly equipped factories, conducted in the most approved manner, would be assured. A good, uniform quality of goods would be turned out, and the country would gain a reputation for high class dairy products.

## EVIDENCES OF CARELESS FARMING.

According to a Manitoba official crop bulletin, there were 164,725 acres of wheat sown last spring on stubble land, without plowing, or over fifteen per cent. of the entire crop. Stubble sowing has been practiced to a limited extent in past years, but never to anything like such an extent as this season. Sowing wheat on stubble land without plowing, has been experimented with, with satisfactory results, at the Dominion government experimental farm at Brandon, in this province. At the Brandon farm last year, wheat sown on stubble land in this way, gave a better yield than where sown on either spring or fall plowing. The following shows the result of experiments made at the farm last year with wheat, sown on adjoining plots. Sown on summer fallow, yield 48 bushels; sown on stubble, yield 34 bushels, 40 pounds; sown on spring plowing, yield 24 bushels, 10 pounds; sown on fall plowing, yield 18 bushels, 40 pounds.

The success of sowing wheat in this way at the experimental farm, has no doubt encouraged other farmers to adopt this mode of cultivation. The late spring this year also led many farmers to try this plan, as their time was too limited to handle a full crop in the usual way.

The result, as indicated by the present condition of the crops, speaks very strongly against sowing wheat on stubble, as a general practice, under ordinary methods of cultivation followed in Manitoba. From all over the country reports are coming in to the effect that wheat sown on stubble is very poor. It is quite probable that better results can be had at the experimental farm from seed sown in this way, than from either spring or fall plowing, but it must be remembered that the condition of the general run of farms in Manitoba is very different from the experimental farm. If ordinary farmers kept their land in as high a state of cultivation as the experimental farm is kept, then it might be safe for them to follow the practice of sowing some wheat on stubble. This is where the difference lies. There is probably not one farm in a hundred or more

where the conditions would be at all equal to the experimental farm.

Many farmers who sowed wheat on stubble last spring no doubt made the mistake of thinking that what could be done at the experimental farm would be perfectly safe for them to do. Reasoning on these lines they proceeded to sow wheat on stubble land, without taking into consideration the difference in condition of their land, as compared with the experimental farm. The result has been failure, as might have been expected. Most of the farmers who have sown wheat in this way, would have been better off in the long run if they had put in what crop area they could handle properly, and left their stubble land for summer fallow.

The Commercial once or twice last spring referred to the success attained at the experimental farm in sowing wheat on stubble. Reference to the results obtained at the government farm, however, was always safeguarded by pointing out that it would not be safe for any one to try this experiment except in cases where the land was in a very high state of cultivation and entirely free from weeds, and then only on land which had been summer fallowed for the last crop. Under these conditions no doubt good results could be obtained as at the experimental farm; but the question may be asked: How many farmers are there to which this will apply? They are certainly very few. Under the ordinary conditions of cultivation, the sowing of wheat on stubble has produced principally a prolific crop of weeds.

Information received by the Manitoba Department of Agriculture is to the effect that there are more weeds this season than ever before, owing to the large area of land sown on stubble, and much of the land so sown should be plowed under. Considerable has been so treated.

This brings us back to the old story of Manitoba farmers trying to do too much. Most farmers have more land in crop than they can handle properly, and the result is very apparent. One hundred acres of wheat returning 30 bushels per acre would be better than 150 acres giving a yield of 20 bushels per acre. The aggregate quantity of wheat would be the same in each case, but there would probably be more expensive on the 150 acres poorly farmed than on the 100 acres carefully farmed. In many cases there would be a direct saving and larger aggregate profits by reducing the area and cultivating the land more carefully. One-third difference in the yield is not too much to make between well cultivated and poorly cultivated land. The difference is usually greater in favor of careful cultivation. The moral is this, which every farmer should paste in his hat: Any extension of the crop area at the expense of the proper cultivation of the soil, is a loss to the individual and to the state. The number of bushels per acre counts more in profitable farming than the number of acres in crop.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Toronto Globe has published a series of cartoons recently with the object of showing how the West has been kept back by the policy of the late "Tory" government. The

Globe will do the West better service if it will show the new Liberal government how best it can advance Western interests. It is a much easier matter to point out mistakes of the past than to foreshadow the best policy for the future.

AN OTTAWA telegram says that the revised returns of trade and navigation for 1895 will show exports of \$121,500,000, being the largest by two millions of any year since confederation. This is a good showing when we consider the low price of products principally exported from Canada. If prices which ruled a few years ago were current now, the increase in the value of exports would be vastly greater than that reported.

AT THE last meeting of the Winnipeg city council a motion was made to serve notice on the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway Co. to construct a line on Mulligan avenue. This street is not paved, and unless the track can be put down in different shape from the other tracks laid on unpaved streets, it would be better not to have the road built at all. The street railway on unpaved streets is a nuisance, and the condition of some of the mud roads on which the railway has now been laid, is simply scandalous, and a menace to the property and lives of those who are obliged to drive on these streets.

A PARTY in Ontario has been writing to certain Manitoba papers advising the farmers here to put up all the hay they can this year, with the object of shipping it to Ontario. Hay can certainly be put up very cheaply in Manitoba, but not enough to make it profitable to ship to Ontario. Prices of hay were abnormally high in Ontario last fall and winter, but they were not high enough to permit of the profitable shipment of hay from Manitoba to that province, even at the special freight rate offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is not likely that hay will be as dear in Ontario during the coming winter as it was last winter, and we do not see any encouragement for Manitoba farmers to put up an extra supply of hay with the hope of being able to sell it for shipment eastward. Farmers who can conveniently do so, however, might consider it a wise plan to put up an extra supply of hay this year, when it is so abundant, to carry over in case of a shortage next year.

### THE INTERIOR PORTFOLIO.

Now that the din of the late general elections is over, and Mr. Laurier and his colleagues are safe in power, the question of his western policy is becoming a matter of serious consideration to many outside of the strictly partisan class of citizens. That his policy regarding this country must be a vigorous one is beyond question, if it is to be a successful one, and that it must differ greatly from the one pursued for the past dozen of years is also certain, seeing the past one has been a failure. As yet no one can foreshadow his intentions in connection with the West and the portfolio of the Interior being still unfilled, the matter is

even more in the dark than other details of the Liberal policy.

The selection of a Minister of the Interior on the part of Mr. Laurier will give a keynote for his western policy. Should he commit the oft-repeated mistake of his opponents by giving the portfolio to an eastern man, then people here will be forced to the conclusion that the development of this great new country is only a matter of second or third rate importance with the government. On the other hand, should he select a western man, such a selection would indicate at least a desire to manage the West upon western ideas, and principles of progress and vigorous development. Let us hope that he and his colleagues will make this kind of a choice.

At present Mr. Laurier is receiving quite a lot of gratuitous advice about the vacant portfolio of the Interior, principally from those who were his most subtle and dangerous opponents during the late campaign. Influences from quarters where the failure of the government would not only be glad tidings, but a material advantage also, are at work trumping up candidates for the vacant cabinet position, and carefully avoiding the name or names best fitted for the position.

Naturally cabinet ministers must be strictly in accord with the government of which they are a part and when that fact is linked with the principle of a western man for the management of a department, which controls the destinies of the West, the choice of a man to fill the position becomes limited. Most of the government candidates west of Lake Superior during the late contest were men of but limited parliamentary experience, and the Interior portfolio requires a man of wide experience in that line. The West is not altogether without such men, and there is at least one man eminently fitted for the position, namely Mr. Joseph Martin, a man who was a decided success as a provincial minister, and who is possessed of all the qualities to make a successful Dominion minister. In addition to this, there can be no question about Mr. Martin's possessing the confidence of almost every true friend of the Laurier government; and if he has such little opposition from those who opposed Mr. Laurier's supporters in the late elections, it is the strongest proof of his value to Mr. Laurier as his colleague.

We want a vigorous policy for the West, and even Mr. Martin's worst enemies cannot deny that he is possessed of plenty of vigor. It is in fact outside of party considerations that The Commercial advocates Mr. Martin for this position. The great mass of independent citizens of Manitoba, who are prepared to bury party considerations, if they have any to bury, when the interests of their country are at stake, are solid in favor of Mr. Martin as the new Minister of the Interior.

The objection may be raised, that Mr. Martin has no seat at present in the Dominion House. Five of Mr. Laurier's colleagues were in the same position, so that the objection is no argument. As Minister of the Interior Mr. Martin would soon find a seat; sooner perhaps than some men whom Mr. Laurier has already called to portfolios.

Again we say, outside of party considerations, of which we have really none, we urge the appointment of Mr. Joseph Martin to the portfolio of the Interior. There can be no question as to his being the man among all the Western supporters of Mr. Laurier, best fitted to fill the position.

His appointment can be urged even more forcibly on economic than on party grounds, and as The Commercial has never been brought into the confidence of Mr. Laurier's or any other government, it is only upon that consideration that we urge it.

### 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.	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	Aug. 1
Extra Manitob. hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	101	107	71	88	98
No. 2 hard.....	31	23	27	30	13
No. 3 hard.....	20	12	20	10	4
No. 1 North'n.....	16	12	14	25	21
No. 2 North'n.....	2	1	2	0	1
No. 3 North'n.....	0	0	1	0	0
No. 1 white fyle	1	0	1	0	0
No. 2 white fyle	0	0	0	0	2
No. 1 Spring.....	2	1	5	2	2
No. 2 Spring.....	0	1	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted ..	13	10	8	7	0
No. 2 frosted ..	6	2	5	1	3
No. 3 Frosted ..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected.....	7	13	4	2	4
No. 2 Rejected.....	12	11	8	1	8
No Grade.....	4	1	0	2	5
Feed.....	0	1	0	0	0
Total.....	215	222	171	178	169
Same week last year.....	62	55	17	12	2

\*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.

### Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat irregular, and about nominal at 75 to 76c.  
 Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$2.05; Bakers, \$1.85.  
 Bran.—Per ton, \$11.  
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.  
 Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 82 to 83c.  
 Barley.—Per bushel, about 40c local freights.  
 Flax Seed.—Small sales retail at \$1.50 per bushel.  
 Butter.—Dairy 8 to 9c. Creamery, 13½ to 15c.  
 Cheese.—5½ to 6c.  
 Eggs.—Fresh, 12c net, jobbing 13 to 14c.  
 Beef.—City dressed, 4½ to 5c.  
 Mutton.—Fresh, 6½ to 7c; lamb, 7c.  
 Hogs.—Dressed, 5½ to 6c.  
 Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2½c. Export 8 to 8½c.  
 Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4 to 4½c.  
 Sheep.—9 to 8½c; lambs, \$1 to \$2.75 each.  
 Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.  
 Poultry.—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair, turkeys, 8c lb., live weight.  
 Hides.—No. 1 cows, good salted 7½c.  
 Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 10 to 12c.  
 Potatoes.—New, 95c per bushel.  
 Hay.—\$5.00 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.

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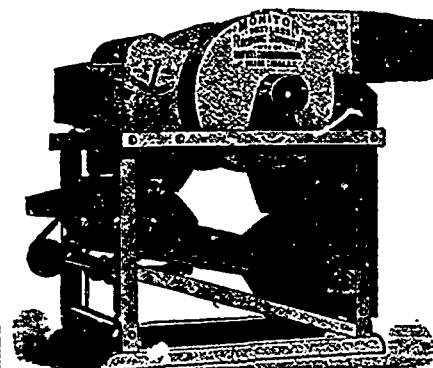
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**British Columbia Business Review.**

Vancouver, Aug. 4, 1896.

Trade shows a decided improvement this week although money is still somewhat scarce. There will be light yields of roots and fruit, owing to drought and flood, but it is thought the loss from short crop will be fully made up by enhanced values. Cured meats are firm, but the prices are not yet changed. Eggs are firming up. Butter is in scant demand. Fruit is in active demand for preserving. Potatoes will go higher if the market is not relieved by outside shipments. The cost of oats to the jobber is now \$17.50 per ton with a prospect of them going much lower as soon as the new crop commences to come in which will be in about ten days. In flour the present nominal prices have been allowed to stand as it is impossible to correctly quote the market. One firm were accused by another of selling their flour below living profits and the threat was made by an interested party that war had been declared and the fittest would survive. As a result one firm is now selling flour at cost, while the agents of the other firms have been instructed to follow the aggressive rival down the ruinous scale to the end of the gamut. The retail trade are highly amused over the situation but it is not so satisfactory to all concerned. The inland revenue and customs returns show a satisfactory increase in July over the corresponding month last year as July of 1895 showed a large increase over July of 1891. The increase last month in the inland revenue department was \$8,000, and in the customs department \$7,000. The trans Pacific and Australian trade are also increasing. The time seems to have arrived when it is absolutely necessary to place another boat on the Australian route as the present boats have not been able to carry the freight presented for the past six months. The lumber business is still active and the increase in price of logs has stimulated logging. Never in the history of the province has there been so many logging camps along the shores of British Columbia as at present. The sockeye pack on the Fraser river this year is likely to be very good. The big run will probably commence this week as the gulf is known to be teeming with salmon containing half ripe roe and they are heading this way. Last week the catch averaged for the week about 20 a boat for 2,500 boats. This is considered very small. All the canneries are busy but not pushed. Large quantities of fish are constantly coming in from Port Roberts to the Canadian canners. The United States government has a steam launch at Port Roberts threatening to seize any fish boats that cross the line, but this difficulty is overcome by United States citizens associating themselves with the Canadian firms. The pack on the Skena very large. Money cannot be particularly scarce in British Columbia when in three days in Vancouver the business men of that place contributed \$3,000 and are expected to contribute \$2,000 more towards a week's carnival of sport. The council are to add \$3,000 to this contribution and with the \$8,000 so collected the municipality hopes to place four or five times that amount in circulation from outside sources. It is a business venture and if found profitable will be repeated.

**British Columbia Mining News.**

There is great activity at Phillip's Arm mining camp near Vancouver, several mines are shipping ore, and good results are obtained. A smelter is under construction at Vancouver to treat this ore, which at present is being shipped to Everest, Wash.

The Lillooet and Fraser Valley Gold Co. have purchased 610 acres of land near Waterloo landing in the Trail country for

\$50,000. The English company are acquiring claims aggregating millions of dollars, the company have located two mill sites and will start a town. Numerous capitalists and exports are at Trail buying claims.

From New Denver comes the news that a London company will operate a large number of claims in the vicinity. Among them the Currie, Road, Tenderfoot, Silverton Bay and Carnation. Many small claims are being thoroughly prospected. The American on Trout Lake is shipping silver ore running \$100 to the ton. From Slocan comes the report that the wonderful Slocan star will earn \$1,000,000 in dividends the next 12 months. One block of ore from this mine shipped last week weighed 8000 pounds. The ground of this mine is sluiced and the dirt ore, aggregating several car loads a week, is shipped. This mine in June produced 65,000 tons, aggregating \$3,000. There are many experts looking at properties near Slocan.

The whole of ten mile creek has been swept by forest fires, and thousands of dollars worth of lumber destroyed. Several valuable lodges have been located recently. Rossland correspondents at last send positive word that there is an option on the great Li Roi of \$2,500,000. No details are given, but it is suggested that the Rothschilds have something to do with it. Many satisfactory reports are to hand of the results of development work on prominent mines. Two ore borders have been struck on the Mugwump claim, near the Iron Mask. Six hundred men are at work on the Columbia and Red Mountain railroad.

**British Columbia.**

Kennedy & Preter, grocers, Kaslo, have dissolved; J. F. Kennedy continues.

S. Parish, flour and feed, Kaslo, has sold out to J. N. Rankin.

Jones & Rodgers, contractors, Midway and Grand Forks, have dissolved; C. A. Jones continues.

H. H. Lonnie & Co., stationery, New Westminster, have assigned.

Wm. Lee & Co., general store, Pavilion, are succeeded by Cumming Bros.

A. H. Harmon has been appointed liquidator of the Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Lumber Co., Port Moody.

Rasmussen Bros., furniture Vancouver, advertise selling out.

T. B. Pearson & Co., manufacturers clothing, Victoria, are offering to compromise at 80 cents on the dollar.

F. H. Ross & Co., painters, Victoria, stock advertised for sale by tender.

The Sayward Mill & Timber Co., Ltd., Victoria, is winding up.

**British Columbia Markets.**

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, August 8, 1896.

The local flour war has been ended and an agreement has been made to restore prices. Dairy butter is in large supply and weak. The jobbing price is 2c lower this week. Cured meats are firm. Potatoes are firm. Next weeks quotations on fruits will be lower all around. Oats have declined \$1.50 per ton and hay has advanced 50c.

The following quotations are jobbers' prices to retail dealers, unless otherwise stated.

Butter.—Man. Dairy butter, 12c; Manitoba creamery, 17 to 18c; local creamery, 20c; Manitoba cheese, 9½c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12c to 12½c; breakfast bacon 12 to 12½c; backs 12 to 12½c; long, clear 8½c; short rolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in pails and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$16.

Fish.—Prices are. Flounders 8c; smolt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; sockeyes 7c; whitings 6c; solos 6c; steel heads, 6c; crabs 6c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt oolachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3 75 and \$1.50; smoked salmon 12½c.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$20.00 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½ lb.; sweet potatoes \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; cabbage, 1½ lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch, 20c. Manitoba, 15 to 16c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 300 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$3.75 to \$1; Australian oranges, \$3.25; Cherries, (10 lb box), local 70c; Peaches, 20 lb boxes \$1.50; Plums, 20 lb boxes \$1.50; Apricots 20 lb boxes \$1.10; Raspberries, 21 lb box, \$1.50; Tomatoes, \$3.25.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.85. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.80; strong bakers, \$3.80; Oregon, \$1.20; Oak Lake patent \$4.80; do. strong bakers \$3.85.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$18.50 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$15.00 ton; bran \$14.00; oil cake meal, \$25 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8.50 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7c; mutton, 6½ to 7½c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1.00; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

**Wool in the United States.**

Stocks at the seaboard are excessive, and many commission houses are refusing to increase their obligations by accepting additional consignments on the present dull market. The wool will not sell, and there is no use piling up more stocks until it begins to be wanted. Western holders are easier in their views and more anxious to get their wools consigned, even, in some instances, if no advances are made. Manufacturers will not buy wool until they sell their goods, hence the market is a waiting one.—Brad-streets.

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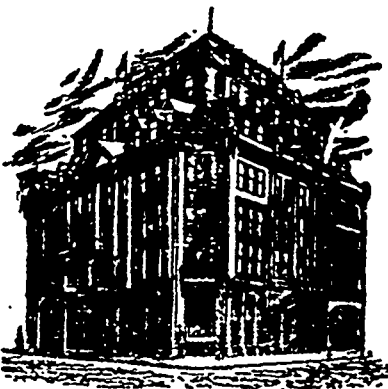
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WINNIPEG

**THE BUSINESS SITUATION.**

WINNIPEG, Saturday, August 8, 1893.

The unfavorable features this week have been the weakness in wheat and other staple products, owing to the disturbed situation in the United States, and the destruction of a large quantity of growing crop in Manitoba by a severe electric storm, accompanied by hail. Some estimates sent out of the damage by this storm are undoubtedly overdrawn, but it was bad enough as it is. All estimates are merely guesses. An official investigation will be made as to the actual loss. On the other hand, the weather, with the exception of this storm, has been very favorable for the crops, and late reports are generally better than they were two weeks ago. In some districts where rust was bad, the crops are reported to have greatly recovered, owing to recent favorable weather. Harvesting cannot be said to have started yet, but a few early fields of grain have been cut here and there. Mercantile collections are slow. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show an increase of 41 per cent as compared with the like week of 1893.

The situation in the United States seems to grow worse, and owing to the disturbed political situation it requires only a very slight cause to lead to depression or panic conditions in the markets. This week started with a big failure of a Chicago stock exchange firm (Moore Bros), and the exchange was promptly closed and has been kept closed since to prevent a panic. At New York the stock exchange has been greatly depressed. There has been heavy and continuous liquidation of stocks and some lines have gone lower than at the time of the Venezuelan panic. United States securities in London are depressed and railroad bonds are said to be practically unmarketable. Call money rates advanced to as high as 7 per cent. at New York yesterday, and were quoted at 3 to 7. This is a big advance and shows the strained condition. Mercantile paper was quoted at 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 per cent. and bar silver at 69 1/2 at New York yesterday. Silver certificates 68 to 69c. Mexican silver dollars were worth 53 1/2c. The list of failures in the United States included some banks. The total according to R. G. Dun & Co. was 210 in the United States, against 225 last year, and 32 in Canada, against 13 last year.

Bradstreet says of the situation in the United States this week: "Iron and steel industries remain excessively dull. Large lots could be obtained at concessions. Cotton yarn manufacturers have agreed to curtail production 50 per cent. during August, and, owing to lack of demand, western packing house employees have been laid off. There is no improvement in wool, and some Philadelphia mills have shut down. Cotton goods remain unchanged, notwithstanding the higher price for cotton."

**WINNIPEG MARKETS.**

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 8.

[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.]

**DRY GOODS.**—Payments on the 4th of August, which is a heavy date in the trade, were not well met as a rule, and a great many renewals were asked for, in whole or in part, though perhaps not more than usual for the August settlement day, the month being a poor one for payments. Some cancellations of orders have been received on account of damage to crops by the storm of Sunday last. Shipments of blankets and some other lines of fall goods are going out.

**DRUGS.**—The only changes reported from abroad are the advance in opium and a further decline in cream of tartar. Prices here for parcel lots are as follows, with liberal reductions for large orders. Alum per pound, 3 1/2 to 4c; alcohol, \$5.25 gal; hie ching powder per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 5 to 7c; borax 11 to 13 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 55c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c. copperas 3 1/2 to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$3.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; opson salts, 3 1/2 to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; Gorm n quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per lb. 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, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.75 to 3.25; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$4 per gallon as to brand; oxalica acid, 13 to 16c; potass iodide, \$1.25 to 4.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetre; 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3 1/2 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 oz.

**DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.**—Grenoble Walnuts, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; princess paper shell almonds, 20c; Sicilly filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 14c; peanuts, roasted, 13c; peanuts greens, 11c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; cocoanuts, \$1.00 per dozen; figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 14c; figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per lb; dates, new, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 13 1/2 to 14c; dried apples, 5 1/2 to 6c; evaporated apples 6 to 7c per lb.

**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. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.88; No. 5, 2 lb., \$21.90. Staminial—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz, \$5.10.

**FISH.**—Prices are: Whitefish, 6 to 6 1/2c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; pickerel, 4c; sturgeon, 8c; salmon, 14c; halibut, 14c lb; smoked gold-eyes, 30c dozen; smoked salmon, 15c lb. Cured fish are quoted: Boneless codfish, 40lb boxes 7c, do crates 7 1/2c; 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, 1/2-barrel \$1; salt salmon, 10c lb.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—The principal sale is for California fruits, peaches being in best demand, at about the same prices as last week. Plums are 50c lower, but will likely go lower yet, before the big preserving demand sets in. New California lemons of good quality are now in the market. Southern apples are about out of stock, and their place has been taken by Ontario fruit, which is offering of very good quality. Bananas continued scarce this week, there being very little fruit in fit to ship, nearly everything being too ripe and some had to be slaughtered to clean them out, to save a total loss. Tomatoes were out of stock part of the week. Blueberries did not come forward so freely, owing to lower prices. Prices are: Lemons California \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box, as to quality; bananas, \$1.50 to \$3.00 per bunch as to size and quality; good shipping stock, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per bunch; pine-apples \$2 to \$3.00 dozen, as to size; California peaches, \$1.35 to \$1.50 box; California plums,

\$1.50 to \$1.75 per box as to quality and variety; California pears \$2.75 to 3 per box; Ontario apples \$3.50 to \$3.75 barrel; watermelons, \$1.50 per dozen; tomatoes \$1.25 per crate of four baskets; blueberries, 4 to 5c per lb; southern concord grapes, 60 to 70c per basket; apple cider, 35c per gallon, in 30 gallon barrels; maple sugar 12c per lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per wine gallon, in gallon tins; now southern onions, \$3 per 100 lbs, cucumbers, 65c per dozen; celery, 50c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 60c per dozen.

**HARDWARE.**—There is no change this week. Prices are as follows:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 19 to 20c.

**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, \$3.00 to 3.50.

**IRON AND STEEL.**—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.35 to \$2.50; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.85 to 3.00; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; best cast tool steel, per lb, 11 to 12c; 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., 4 1/2c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5 1/2c.

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

**LEAD.**—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2c.

**SHEET ZINC.**—In casks, 5.75 lb., broken lots, 7 1/2c.

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

**AMMUNITION.**—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

**WIRE.**—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs. Closear prices have been made for large lots.

**ROPE.**—Sisal, per lb., 7 1/2 to 8c base; manilla, per lb., 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 3/4 inch ar 1 larger, 15c lb.

**AXES.**—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

**NAILS.**—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.21 for 60 d. with usual extras; common steel wire, nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.90 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$1.22 keg; 2 inch, \$1.50 keg.

**HORSE NAILS.**—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.58 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 per cent.

**PAINTS, OILS ETC.**—Prices 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, kegs 5 1/2c; yellow ocre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ocre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c;

English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less, than kegs, 4½c lb.

**VARNISHES.**—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.50 to \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, 1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

**SUNDRIES.**—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; 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, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plasterer's hair, P.P. \$1 per bale; putty, in bladders, barrel lots 2½c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., 3c.

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

**LINSEED OIL.**—Raw, per gal., 56c; boiled, per gal., 59c in barrels, less than barrels 3c per gallon extra.

**TURPENTINE.**—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 55c; less than barrels, per gallon, 60c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

**OILS.**—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 83 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; neatsfoot 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, 2½c; crescent, 27½c; oleophene, 29½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels United States oils in barrels are quoted at 3½c for cocene and 30c for sunlight.

**LUMBER.**—Prices are as follows:

Dimension and Timber—No. 1.		12ft.	14ft.	16ft.	18ft.	20ft.	22ft.	24ft.
2x4 to 2x12	Size.	13.50	18.50	18.50	19.50	20.50	21.50	22.50
3x6 to 3x12								
4x4 to 4x12		20	20	20	21	22	23	24
6x6 to 6x12								
and 6x6								
6x10 to 12x12		22	22	22	23	24	25	26
2 x 4 - 10 at \$29.50.								
2 x 6 to 2 x 12 - 16 - 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, Floorin'g and Ceiling.**—2nd 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine \$38.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine \$23.50; 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 \$9.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling \$33.00; ½ inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling \$23.00; \$1.00 per M. advance for dressed both sides.

**Bovil 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 \$1.00; 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.**—1½ inch, 1½ inch and 2 inch. White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$55; white pine, selects, \$45; white pine, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00; red pine, selects, \$32.00; B. C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B. C. fir clears and stepping, \$15.00. \$5.00 per M. advance on 2½ inch and thicker.

**One inch.** White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00; white pine, 3rd clear, \$48.00; white pine, selects, No. 1, \$38; white pine, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com.) \$30; red pine, clear, \$40; red pine, selects, \$30; B. C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

**Oak, red and white.**—1st and 2nd, \$55 to \$65; Common, \$40.

**Mouldings and Base.**—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, ¾x1½ per 100 feet lineal, 75c; lattice, 1x1½ per 100 ft. lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1½ inch lineal, \$1.25; window and door stop, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; ½ round and ¾ cove, 75c; 1½ round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2½ round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3½ round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4½ round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$1.00; 5 round window stool, 1½ \$1.50; 6 round window stool, 1½, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 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, 2x4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2½ inch, \$2.35; wainscot cap, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c.

**Moulding made from 1½ stock** add 25 per cent; 1½ add 50 per cent.

**Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail** at special prices.

**All shop work at special net prices.**

**GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**

**WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.**—Wheat held its own the first three days of this week, but a heavy break came on Thursday. This weakness in wheat was not due to any changed conditions in wheat itself, but rather to the generally disturbed condition, owing to the silver agitation and political situation in the United States. This condition has led to great nervousness, depression in stocks, etc., and the weakness in stocks and reported bank failures was the main cause of the slump in wheat and other speculative commodities on Thursday. Chicago was the weakest market yesterday (Friday) owing to the big failure earlier of a stock jobbing concern, followed by the closing of the stock exchange. While the outlook for wheat is not unfavorable for higher prices, as regards wheat itself, the very unsatisfactory political and financial situation in the United States renders the future very uncertain. Exports of wheat, flour included, from both coasts of the United States this week amounted to 2,747,000 bushels, as compared with 2,648,000 bushels last week; 1,550,000 bushels in the corresponding week one year ago, 3,417,000 bushels in the week two years ago, and with 5,018,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

**WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.**—A report of storm damage to the Manitoba crop will be found in another column. A government bulletin will be issued in a week or ten days, giving a report of the damage. Estimates of the amount of crop destroyed vary from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 bushels, but they are only guesses. Barring the storm crop re-

ports are rather better, particularly from the Red river valley districts, where the crop has improved, owing to recent favorable weather. No harvesting worth mentioning has been done yet. We have heard of a few instances where wheat or barley has been cut. The local feeling in wheat is uncertain. The strong local bull feeling has been somewhat curbed by the break on Thursday in United States markets, and there were freer offers to sell and less disposition to buy. Sales of No. 1 hard were made early in the week at 61c, afloat Fort William, and a few sales were put through at ½ to ¾c advance on this price, and No. 2 at 59c. Yesterday, after the break of Thursday, deals could have been made at about 60c for No. 1 hard, but there was no disposition to do business. The tendency is still to hold prices here a couple of cents above a parity with Duluth and holders are firm, considering the situation elsewhere. To-day we quote No. 1 hard held at about 60 to 60½c delivered at Fort William, afloat basis. In Manitoba country markets, 45 to 46c was paid to farmers for the limited quantity offering, for No. 1 hard, though at some points the range was considerably higher. Receipts at Fort William last week were 403,102 bushels; shipments, 480,927 bushels; in store, 2,233,321 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 25,769 bushels, shipments, 65,733 bushels and in store, 299,296 bushels.

**FLOUR.**—There was a much firmer feeling in flour before the break in wheat on Thursday, but there was no change in this market. Reports from Eastern Canada markets spoke of a sharp advance at Montreal and other points for Manitoba grades of flour. The Commercial could not learn that there was any general advance in the East, however, but certain brands were undoubtedly held higher. The break in wheat will have a tendency to relax the strength in flour, if prices do not recover, though prices of Manitoba wheat are still held considerably higher than before the late advance. Jobbing prices are:—\$1.75 to \$1.80 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.30 to \$1.35; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—City mills are still selling at \$8 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in broken lots. These prices do not include sacks.

**OATS.**—The price of oats declined in United States markets with the general break on Thursday, owing really to the troubled financial and political situation. Here prices are about the same as quoted a week ago. No. 2 white would bring about 12c for car lots at Manitoba country points on average freights, and a fancy white would perhaps bring ½c more. We quote 11 to 12½c as to grade for cars at country points. In this market cars have been offered, local freights paid, at 16 to 17c. The street price to farmers in Winnipeg is 1c higher at 16 to 17c, per bushel of 34 pounds.

**BARLEY.**—We hear of no business. The quotation of 11 to 12c in the country for car lots is nominal.

**GROUND FEED.** Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

**OATMEAL.**—The following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, 80 lb sacks, \$1 35; 40 lb sacks, 70c, 20 lb sacks 86½c; Granulated and standard meal, 93 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

**OIL CAKE.**—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

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**BUTTER.**—There is no change in dairy this week, but creamery is rather firmer and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ more has been paid. The demand, however, is for fine goods, and anything not strictly up to grade is reduced in price. Eastern dealers are selecting with the greatest care and will not take anything not strictly choice except at a sharp reduction. Here  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ has been paid to factories for choice creamery, and we quote  $14\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for good fresh stock. Dairy butter is very dull. Local dealers are buying but their purchases are simply going into store as there is no shipping demand. About 8¢ is the price paid for good round lots, or 7 to 9¢ for fair to choice goods on grade, with culls out. The latest report from Montreal shows a strong market, creamery at Montreal yesterday being quoted at 17 to  $17\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, which is an advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ on the outside price of a week ago.

**CHEESE.**—There has been no further business in large lots. Some small purchases have been made from factories at about  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for large and up to 6¢ for small sizes. At Montreal yesterday cheese was quoted at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for Ontario and 7 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for Quebec goods, which shows an advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ over prices of a week ago. At Ingersoll, Ontario, on August 4, 671 boxes of cheese sold at  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. At Belleville on the same day  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ was paid.

**EGGS.**—Prices are irregular. While the price was dropped to 8¢ by some buyers, one house has continued to pay 10¢ for receipts, and the quantity offered was large. We quote 8 to 10¢ for net for receipts.

**LARD.**—Lard has declined  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Prices are: Pure \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.00 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$3.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8¢ pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.25.

**CURED MEATS.**—There was a speculative scare in pork at Chicago on Wednesday owing to fear of a corner in the product by a syndicate of Canadian operators. Prices fluctuated wildly, having a range of about \$1.25 per barrel. The advance did not hold long. For canvassed meats, add  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound to prices below. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11¢; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11¢; do., backs, 10¢; short spiced rolls,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ shoulders,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ smoked long clear,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ cents; Nancy clear,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7¢ per lb.; shoulders, 6¢; backs, 8¢; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.50; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7¢; bologna sausage, 6¢; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10¢ per package; pickled hocks, 3¢; pickled tongues, 5¢; sausage casings, 30¢ lb.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Beef is easier and 5¢ is now the general price except for very choice.

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Good lambs continue scarce. Mutton is easy. We quote city dressed beef easy at 5 to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, mutton, 7¢ dressed lambs, 10. City dressed hogs,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; country dressed 5¢. Veal, easy at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 6½¢.

**POULTRY.**—Chickens hold at 10 to 15 cents per pair as to quality. Spring chickens 35¢ per pair. Turkeys bring 9 to 10¢ per lb live weight. Ducks, 10¢ dressed weight. No geese offering.

**HIDES.**—The market is weak. The decline noted last week has been fully established, at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lower and there is a tendency to a further decline. In fact 1 to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ is some times quoted for No. 1 and 3 to 3½¢ for No. 2. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, 5¢; No. 2, 4¢; No. 3, 3¢; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 5 to 6¢ per lb.; dehins 15 to 20¢ each; kips 1 to 5¢; sheepskins 10 to 15¢ lambskins, 10 to 25¢; Horsehides, 75¢ to \$1.25.

**TALLOW.**—We quote No. 1 rendered, 8¢ per lb, and undergrades 2 to 2½¢.

**WOOL.**—There is no improvement in wool. In the United States there is still no demand, owing to factories being closed and the situation generally dull and disturbed. Here prices are easy, and we quote 7 to 8¢ for unwashed Manitoba fleeces. The range wool is nearly all held by the growers yet, for higher prices, though we hear of some sales at 5 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and there are some fine, heavy shrinking wools that will scarcely bring 5¢. A city paper published an item this week to the effect that a southern Manitoba woolen mill had taken in 53,000 pounds of wool this season at 1½ to 15¢. This is evidently a mistake, as 9½¢ has been the highest price paid in the Winnipeg market at any time this season, and a country mill would not pay any more than city dealers, as a general thing. The item probably referred to the cost of the wool on a basis of washed wool, which in that case would be about right, as

to price. The custom in Manitoba, however, is to market all wool unwashed.

**SENECA ROOT.**—About 15¢ per lb is the best price paid for fine, well dried and clean root, and bulby and dirty 12 to 13¢. The quantity offering is much less than last year.

**HAY.**—Quiet at about \$5 to \$5.50 per ton for haled prairie on track here for new hay, which is now offering principally.

### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—Gordon & Ironsides and the Winnipeg Live Stock Exchange each shipped a train load of Manitoba cattle east this week. The first named parties also shipped a large lot (about 800 head) of Manitoba stocker cattle west to the ranges. Cattle are not generally in good condition yet, as they have fattened up very slowly this season. Prices are easier. We quote butchers' cattle at 2 to 2½¢ here, as to quality, but only picked animals would bring the top price, and good loads would not go much over 2½¢.

**SHEEP.**—One lot of rather poor sheep was reported sold at \$2.40 per 100 pounds, and we quote 2½ to 2½¢, though it would be difficult to reach the top price. For lambs 4¢ is offered and they are scarce.

**HOGS.**—The price is steady at about 8½¢ off cars here for good packing hogs, averaging 150 to 300 pounds, heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3¢, as to quality; stags 1½ to 8¢.

**HORSES.**—Horses are very slow sale at present locally and prices are lower than a short time ago. The Waldron Ranch Company have shipped from their ranch, near Macleod, Alberta, seventy head of high grade horses for the European market.

Paul, Knight & McKinnon, coal, Winnipeg and Regina, Assa., have dissolved; R. Paul retires, style unchanged.

**Manitoba Crop Report.**

Manitoba was visited on Sunday, August 2, by the worst storm, both in point of damage done and extent of territory covered, that the province has ever experienced, at least since our crop area assumed any importance. The storm was an electric one of great severity, accompanied by high wind and hail. The damage was done principally by hail, which marked the course of the storm in irregular streaks, destroying the crops wherever the hail struck. Some damage was also done in a few localities by the wind. A number of buildings in various districts were struck by lightning, and several buildings were blown down or partly demolished. The storm did not strike Winnipeg, but was visible from the city Sunday night by the continuous glare of vivid lightning which marked its duration. The general course of the storm was from the north west to the south east and it extended right across the province, and into Dakota and Minnesota to the south, doing considerable damage in those states as well as in Manitoba. Hail was also reported from points in the Territories west of Manitoba. The hail came in streaks here and there and was very destructive. The high wind also did more or less damage in places where there was no hail, by laying the crop down. Damage by hail or wind is reported from Gretna, Rosenfeld, Altona, St. Jean, Somerset, Holland, Baldur, Glenboro, Cypress River, Morden, Hamiota, Brandon, Rounthwaite, Oak River, Belmont, Thornhill, Birtle, north of Indian Head and Regina in Assiniboia territory, etc. The actual extent of the damage done to the crops is a very difficult matter to estimate. Guesses place it at 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 bushels. The provincial government will collect information and issue a bulletin, showing the damage to crops. Considering the number of buildings struck by lightning or damage by wind, it seems miraculous that no loss of life has been reported.

With the exception of the loss by the storm, the weather has been favorable for the crops. A few patches of early wheat were reported cut this week, and by the end of next week, August 15, there will be a little early grain in most districts ready to cut.

**The Live Stock Trade.**

At Liverpool on August 3 the tone of the cattle market was stronger, and prices advanced 1½ to 1¾ since this day week, choice United States cattle selling at about 12c and Canadian cattle at 11¾. The market for sheep was weaker and prices ruled lower.

At the Point St. Charles cattle market Montreal on August 3, a few loads of butchers' stock was offered, for which the demand was slow, and only one or two loads changed hands at 2 to 2½c per lb. live weight. The receipts of live hogs were 800, and better prices were realized, sales being made at 3½ to 4c per lb. At the East End abattoir the same day choice cattle were scarce, and some butchers would have paid as high as 3½c for fine stock, but the top figure for the day was 3¼c, and the bulk of the sales were at 3c to 3½c, while common to inferior sold down as low as 1¾c to 2½c per lb. live weight. Good fat cows brought from \$25 to \$30 each. A fair trade was done in sheep at 3 to 3½c per lb. for shipping stock, and butchers paid 2½ to 3c. The demand for lambs was good, at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 each, or at 3½c to 4½c per lb. live weight.

The Macleod Gazette says: "Gordon & Ironsides shipped a train load of beef cattle from Clairholm last week. They refused to take more than a train load, out of some 900 head gathered for them, and even then there

were several cars of cows. The Canadian Pacific Railway have built stock yards at Cayley, a siding between Nanton, Mosquito Creek, and High River.

In our report of last week we omitted to mention the shipment of 21 cars of range cattle and four cars of sheep, from Medicine Hat and Walsh, Assa. The shipment was made up by a number of ranchers of that district, and was taken east by W. Rutherford, of Medicine Hat.

At Chicago yesterday there was a reaction in hogs from the advance of Wednesday, prices declining 10 to 15c, and sales were largely at \$3.10 and \$3.30; heavy hogs selling at \$2.90 and \$3.40. Mixed and medium weights sold at \$3.10 to \$3.50, light weights \$3.30 to \$3.65.

At Toronto, on August 4, good export cattle brought 3¼ to 3½c and medium 3 to 3½c. Butchers' stock ranged from 2 to 3c. Lambs were slow at 2.25 to \$2.75 each. Sheep, 8c for export stock and 2½c for butchers'. Hogs steady at 4½ to 4¾c off cars for best bacon, heavy hogs 3½c, light fat 3¼c, sows, 2¾ to 3c, stags 1¾ to 2c, boars 1 to 1½c.

**The Labor Market.**

There seems to be almost a scarcity of men available for farm work, and the few obtainable in the city are asking \$25 to \$30 per month, including board. The recent storm, which destroyed the crops of some farmers, has led to the cancellation of some applications from farmers for harvest hands. The first farmers' excursion from Ontario will leave Toronto on August 18 and reach Winnipeg on August 20. About 2,000 farm hands will be brought up altogether. The chief demand for help comes from the western part of the province. It has been found necessary to go to the States for railway laborers. A squad were brought from Duluth for the Dauphin road.

**Export Cattle**

The export demand for cattle has been kept up surprisingly well this summer and the volume of business has been considerably larger than a year ago. English quotations are lower than last year at this time, but the difference is even more pronounced here, so that there is a little more margin for the shipper. Besides expenses across the water have been slightly reduced, thus giving the exporter a little more advantage. This outlet has been especially beneficial to our markets this summer and has buoyed up the prices of good handy fat cattle more than anything else.—Chicago Drover's Journal.

**Lumber Trade News.**

The incorporation under the Ontario joint stock Letters Patent act, is announced of the Rat Portage Lumber company, limited, with a capital stock of \$500,000. The company consists of D. C. Cameron, Walter Ross, Wm. R. Dick, Hugh W. Kennedy, and Matthew Brown, Rat Portage, and J. A. McRae, of Niagara Falls. This is simply a reorganization of the Ontario and Western Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, under a new charter. The company formerly worked under a Dominion charter, but has now been reorganized under a provincial charter, owing to the greater convenience of working in the latter way. With the exception of the change of name and charter, the company is practically the same.

**Wheat Stocks.**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Moun-

tains, for the week ended Aug. 1, 1895, shows a decrease of 408,000 bushels, against a decrease of 712,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 2,857,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 75,000 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:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,581,000	80,228,000	81,228,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,391,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,785,000	76,609,000	79,089,000	41,558,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,054,000	41,028,000
May, 6...	62,196,000	65,160,000	73,009,000	36,190,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,030,000	27,910,000
July 1...	41,661,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	25,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	60,001,000	59,124,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,764,000	60,163,000	56,140,000	33,760,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	51,250,000
Nov. 4...	52,930,000	80,017,000	71,396,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,680,000

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

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	67,850,000	70,953,000	81,763,000
" 11...	63,945,000	66,015,000	80,433,000	81,080,000
" 18...	67,983,000	85,226,000	57,332,000	82,327,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,331,000	81,337,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,576,000	74,333,000	81,391,000
" 8...	66,110,000	82,222,000	76,680,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,926,000	84,733,000	73,667,000	81,214,000
" 22...	64,011,000	79,446,000	77,257,000	79,433,000
March 1...	64,039,000	73,761,000	76,569,000	79,083,000
" 7...	62,696,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	74,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,359,000	74,100,000
" 21...	61,318,000	74,773,000	72,164,000	73,305,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,305,000	71,480,000	71,631,000
April 4...	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,762,000	71,223,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,457,000	70,127,000	70,606,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,028,000	68,425,000	74,863,000
" 25...	57,910,000	66,778,000	66,634,000	75,077,000
May 2...	55,219,000	62,198,000	65,156,000	75,003,000
" 9...	51,000,000	59,623,000	64,510,000	71,652,000
" 16...	51,116,000	60,494,000	62,911,000	71,526,000
" 23...	51,298,000	61,244,000	61,310,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,310,000	52,220,000	59,214,000	70,367,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,759,000	57,105,000	63,602,000
" 13...	49,438,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	66,377,000
" 20...	48,810,000	46,226,000	55,357,000	63,031,000
" 27...	47,860,000	44,501,000	54,657,000	62,316,000
July 4...	47,193,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,919,000
" 11...	47,250,000	41,357,000	53,154,000	59,328,000
" 18...	46,743,000	40,438,000	53,774,000	63,903,000
" 25...	47,142,000	39,229,000	67,144,000	59,319,000
Aug. 1...	40,734,000	33,617,000	60,601,000	59,424,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on July 25 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	314,000
Toronto.....	150,000
Kingston.....	3,000
Winnipeg.....	149,000
Manitoba interior elevators	1,000,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,517,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on July 25 1895:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	59,286,000
Pacific Coast.....	1,927,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	47,920,000
Pacific Coast.....	6,519,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Aug. 1, shows a decrease of 872,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 58,414,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks of wheat on July 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 105,210,000 bushels, as compared with 130,877,000 bushels on July 1, 1895, 146,519,000 bushels on July 1, 1894, 152,308,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 99,203,000 bushels on July 1, 1892, and with smaller totals on July 1 in preceding years.

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**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.

Wheat was firmer on Monday, closing prices showing an advance of  $\frac{1}{4}$ c over Saturday, influenced by the decrease in stocks. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$ -61
Corn.....	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ -25	—	—
Oats.....	—	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 35	6 05	—
Lard.....	—	3 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 45	—

Bad crop news kept prices firm on Tuesday, notwithstanding the big Chicago failure of a stock exchange firm. Prices were a shade higher. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	58	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	61
Corn.....	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Oats.....	—	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Mess Pork..	—	7 25	6 30	—
Lard.....	—	3 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 52 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 55	—

On Wednesday wheat was weak, except at the opening, which was firm on bad crop reports. Export demand was light, and there was heavy selling. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	—	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 35	6 40	—
Lard.....	—	3 50	3 52 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 57 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 62 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

The market was demoralized on Thursday and wheat prices declined heavily, influenced by the break in stocks, reported bank failures, weak cables, etc. All commodities were lower. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	59 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Oats.....	—	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 40	6 10	—
Lard.....	—	3 25	3 30	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 45	—

On Friday wheat was irregular, declining  $\frac{1}{4}$ c under yesterday, but recovered and closed about the same as yesterday, influenced by an advance of  $\frac{1}{4}$ c at New York. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	59 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Oats.....	—	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 40	6 02 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Lard.....	—	3 20	3 25	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 27 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 22 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

On Saturday, September wheat opened at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and ranged downward to 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and up to 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Near the close prices were stronger, touching 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	57	59 $\frac{1}{2}$ -60
Corn.....	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	—
Oats.....	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 25	—
Lard.....	—	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 25	—

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and a year ago at 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and two years ago at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

On Saturday, August 8, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Sept. delivery at 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, December at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago September wheat closed at 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday	Sept. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Dec. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Tuesday	Sept. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Dec. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Wednesday	Sept. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Dec. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Thursday	Sept. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Dec. 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Friday	Sept. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, Dec. 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Saturday	No market, holiday.

A week ago September delivery closed at 58c. A year ago September delivery closed at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Two years ago Sept. closed at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and three years ago at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, Aug. 8, Sept. delivery closed at 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and December delivery at 65c. A week ago September option closed at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**Minneapolis Flour Market.**

The Market Record of August 8, reports flour very dull and prices easier. Prices are as follows, in barrels, f. o. b.: First patents, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Second patents, \$3.10 to \$3.15; First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2; Export bakers, \$2.45; second export bakers, \$1.90 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. net, \$9.75 to \$10.25. These prices are the same a week ago.

Milstuffs.—Bran in bulk \$1.75 to \$5.00. Bran in sacks, 230 lbs, \$5.50 to \$6.00. Bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$6.00 to \$6.50; Shorts, \$5.00; Middlings, fine, \$7.25 to \$7.75. These prices are the same as a week ago.

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for the week ending August 6 were \$1,305,507; balances, \$208,755. For the previous week clearings were \$1,076,551. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$929,910 and for the week two years ago, \$985,821. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$10,000,997
Toronto.....	6,001,032
Halifax.....	1,482,020
Winnipeg.....	1,305,537
Hamilton....	518,816

Total.....\$19,290,852  
The total shows an increase of 8.1 per cent. compared with the corresponding week of 1895.

**Crops in the United Kingdom.**

Dornbusch's London List of July 17 says: In the Eastern countries and in the Fen districts, the promise of the wheat crop is unusually fine. In the countries lying between the Wash and the Tweed the crop is coming on grandly, and with fine weather at harvest, the result along the east coast wheat fields can not fail to be satisfactory as to quantity and quality, although it is doubtful if the price will please farmers. Fine samples of malting barley should be numerous this season, but taken all round the crop is not expected to reach an average in quantity. Oats on the Fen lands should turn out well, but otherwise the yield must be deficient. With the exception of 1863 this year is the earliest wheat harvest of the past 40 years. The harvest outlook in Scotland and Ireland is very promising—potatoes, in particular present a luxuriant appearance. The North British Agriculturist says that crops in Scotland at this season have rarely looked better.

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### Grain and Milling.

The flour mill at La Rivere, Man., is offered for sale by tender.

J. H. Fraser, senior, will again take an active interest in the Morden flour mill with his son. The mill is being improved.

West Superior wheat grades will be changed and instead of being known as No 1 hard, etc., will be called "Dakota" hard, etc.

F. Koester, of Virden, Man., who was formerly connected with a flour mill at that place, has rented a mill at Cando, North Dakota, which he will shortly take charge of.

S. S. Colter has scoured the McBean elevator at Virden, Man., for the coming season, and is getting it in shape for the new crop.

The first annual meeting of the Manitoba and Northwest Millers' Association will be held at Brandon, Man., on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The association was organized at Brandon about a year ago. Transportation rates on flour will be one of the questions which will likely be up for discussion.

"There was a firmer feeling in the flour market," says the Montreal Gazette of July 30, and an advance in prices is looked for in the near future. In fact, the small Manitoba millers have already put up prices 20c to 30c per barrel, which is due to the recent sharp advance in wheat in Manitoba. The demand for flour is good and the market rates active, with a large increase of business doing."

The Montreal Gazette of August 1 says: The feature of the local grain Market yesterday was the easier feeling in oats, and prices declined  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  c per bushel. The offerings are fair, for which the demand was limited, and in order to make sales holders made the above reduction in prices. No. 2 white Ontario sold at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  c, and more are offering at the same price to arrive.

Complaint has been made about the mixing of Manitoba wheat with eastern Canada wheats, by eastern millers, and selling the product as Manitoba flour. It is said that bags branded Manitoba flour, are put on the market in the east in this way, which contain very little Manitoba wheat flour. This is an injury to the western millers in two ways, as it not only cuts into their trade, but also depreciates the quality of Manitoba flour. One of the objects of the organization of the Manitoba and Northwest Millers' Association was to overcome this by securing a copyrighted trade mark for their flour, which eastern mills would not be permitted to use. Flour having the trade mark of the Millers' Association, is made from pure Manitoba wheat, as with it there can be no mixing of any other varieties of wheat.

### Grocery Trade Notes.

Advices from San Francisco are to the effect that in the Puget Sound section great preparations are being made to make a large pack of the rather inferior quality of fish found in those waters, but as those goods are marketed at less prices than the higher grade goods from Alaska and the Columbia River, they find ready sale in the United States trade, and the business induces the erection of new canneries yearly. It is expected that a vessel will be placed on berth on the Columbia for the United Kingdom, to sail last of August, which will take such of the pack as may have that destination."

According to the New York Commercial Bulletin the demand for new California loose-muscate raisins for October delivery, which was quite active last week, seems to have subsided, and no business of consequence was done. There are now four commission houses putting out quotations, and they are all on the same basis, namely, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for four crowns, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for three crowns and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  c

for two crowns. The stock of Valencia raisins in New York is light, and, in spite of the absence of demand, prices remain steady. No offerings of new crop have yet been made. Sultana raisins are in moderate jobbing request at the quotations. Currants are quiet but steady on spot owing to light supplies. We hear of no business in stock to arrive. New crop for August shipment is held at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  Gd, but this seems to be above buyers' views.

Prunes are dull in New York, though there is no change in the quotations. A few cars of the new crop have been offered at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in bags f.o.b. for the four sizes, but buyers appear to be holding off. There is not much stock on the spot, and it is too early yet for business in future. The general impression seems to be that prices will open low because of the reports of a prospective large crop in California, and the outlook for the resumption of active competition in Eastern markets of the producers of the foreign fruit, who also, it is said, will have a good-sized crop to work on.—N. Y. Commercial Bulletin.

Regarding the raisin situation, the California Fruit Grower says, in its issue of the 25th ult.: In spot goods there is nothing new, as stocks have been cleaned up so close as to reduce business to very narrow limits. The growing crop has made wonderful advancement during the past month. The hot weather has forced it beyond expectations, and there is every reason to believe that ouring will be but little behind former seasons. The latest estimates place the growing crop at from 60 to 75 per cent. of last season. It is better to estimate the crop after it has been harvested.

The first new samples of China teas have arrived ex. the Empress of India, and show very good value. The Pecco Congous and Panyongs show very good quality and value, but buyers do not seem very anxious to operate. In new Japans the sale of a lot of nearly 150 packages at about 16c, said to be nearer fine than good medium in quality. There is a good distributing demand for Japans, blacks and gunpowders. We quote Japans as follows: Common, 10 to 12c; good medium, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  c; fine, 17 to 19c; finest to choicest, 22 to 26c.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

### Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "A firm in this city received a car load of apples from a point above Stratford, Ont., distant 425 miles from Montreal, and the railway freight thereon was 33c per 100 lbs, 247 bbls. in car. The through freight rate from Chicago to Montreal, 500 miles further on the same class of goods, is 80c per 100 lbs. So that our railways will bring goods from Chicago to Montreal cheaper than from Western Ontario to Montreal. This seems rather rough on Canadian producers and very smooth on the United States shippers.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of August 1 says: Engagements of about 500,000 to 600,000 bushels of grain have been reported at 1s 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to Liverpool, and 2s 8d to London, while 2s 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d has been paid to Bristol. Shippers are bidding 2s for Glasgow space. To Hamburg and Antwerp, grain 2s 3d, provisions 17c per 100 lbs., and flour 19s 9d. Sack flour 10s to Liverpool, 12s 6d to Glasgow, and 13s 9d to London. Provisions 12s 6d to Liverpool, 12s 6d to 15s London and Glasgow. Cattle freights 40s to 42s 6d. Cheese 25s Glasgow and Bristol and 20s Liverpool and London. Inland water freights are a little steadier on grain, the rate on corn from Chicago to Buffalo having advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$  c to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. Charters from Chicago to Kingston have been effected at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  c corn, but vessel men are now asking more money. From Kingston to Montreal the rates are unchanged at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  c wheat, 2c corn. From Prescott to Montreal 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c wheat, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c corn, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c oats. The through rates from Fort

William or Duluth to Montreal are quoted at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin of August 3, says: "Rates in the west are unsettled and are 9 to 11c on corn from the Missouri river, and 9c flat from Kansas City to Chicago via the Santa Fe. Cars are scarce and the railroads have all the grain they can handle. East bound rates are steady at 15c on corn and on other grains and flour, 20c; provisions are 80c to New York. Ocean rates are firm. The through rate from Chicago to Liverpool is 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$  c on flour, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  c per bushel on grain and 89 to 41 $\frac{1}{2}$  c on provisions. The New York lake and rail rate is 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  c on corn and 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  c oats. Business to Buffalo was active and rates higher at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for wheat, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for corn and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for oats, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for corn to Port Huron.

### Montreal Leather and Shoe Trade.

The market for leather continues quiet, there being no indication of any speculative movement in either black or sole leather at about 16c. The sales are reported of about 1,000 or 1,500 sides of light sole for Quebec account. We quote: No. 2 manufacturers' sole 19 to 20c; jobbers' sole 20 to 22c; slaughter sole 21c to 23c; waxed upper 23 to 32c; grained 28 to 32c; buff 11 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  c; splits 17c to 18c for Ontario, and 12 to 15c for Quebec; pebble 11 to 12c; glove 10c to 11c. English advices report a fair demand for sole and black.

The boot and shoe trade is generally quiet, very few orders either for fall or sorting requirements being received by manufacturers. A member of a leading boot and shoe concern stated a few days ago that he never before remembered business as dull as it is at present, but probably he has forgotten. Remittances are fair, but might be better. Trade Bulletin.

### Literary Notes.

Massey's Magazine for August is called the fiction number. It opens with an article on "The British Army of To-day," with illustrations, by W. J. Gascoigne. "The Prospective Province of Newfoundland" is an interesting article by M. Harvey. In fiction there are stories by Edward F. Slack, Byron H. Basiuia, Duncan Campbell Scott, Esther Talbot Kingsmill and Clifford Smith. "Cuba in War Times" is a timely article by Frank L. Pollock. These and other articles, with the regular departments, complete a good number.

The Cosmopolitan for August presents a good bill of fare, opening with "The Glory of an Ancient German Borg." In a similar strain is "Cordova, the City of Memories." Mrs. Reginald de Koven writes on "Golf and the New Woman." In fiction we have "A Daughter of Folly," by Margaret E. Sangster; "The Avenger of the Seven," by John J. A. Bickett and "Under the Shadow of the Tyburn-Tree," by Caroline Brown, and many other interesting papers, all finely illustrated, while the departments are full of interesting notes.

### Dairy Trade Notes.

At Woodstock, Ont., on July 29, at the cheese market 17 factories offered 2,731 boxes of cheese. Sales: 175, at 7 1-16c; 1,850 at 6 15-16c; 830 at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Market active; 7 buyers present.

At Brockville, Ontario on July 30 at the cheese board the offerings were 1,753 colored and 696 white. The highest bid for colored was 7c and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for white, which the salesmen would not accept. After the board adjourned probably 5,000 or 6,000 boxes were sold at an advance of 1-16 over the board price.

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### Montreal Grocery Market.

The sugar market, since our last, has been weaker for the refined article and another decline of 1-16c in the price of granulated and 3/8c in low grade yellows has to be noted. This is due principally to the recent weakness in the raw article and the decided unsettled feeling that prevails in regard to the future. Private cables to-day, however, were firmer in tone and noted an advance of 1/4d to 8d since this day week, quoting beet 9s 1/4c to 9s 6d for July and August. In refined, business on spot has been more active, there being a good demand from the West and sales of granulated in round lots have taken place at 4 3-16c, and low grade yellows at 8 3/4c. We quote: Granulated at 4 3-16c in 250-barrel lots and over; 4 5-16c in 100-barrel lots, and 4 1/4c in smaller quantities. Yellows range from 8 3/4c to 9 3/4c, as to quality, at the factory.

The stock of syrups in refiners' hands is fair, for which the demand is very limited at present, but the tone of the market is steady notwithstanding the weakness in sugar, and prices are quoted at 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

The only important sale of molasses reported during the past week is a lot of 100 purcheons of choice Porto Rico at 29c. Some small sales of Barbadoes have been made at 28 1/2c, while round lots are offering at 28c.

The demand for rice continues good, and the market is active and firm. We quote: Crystal Japan, \$4.75 to \$5.00; standard B., \$3.45; Patna, \$4.25 to \$5; Carolina, \$6.50 to \$7.50; choice Bermuda, \$3.75, and Java kinds, \$4.

In spices business remains quiet and of a small jobbing character, with no change in prices to note. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only:—Penang black pepper, 6 to 7 1/2c; white pepper, 10c 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.

There has been no improvement in the coffee market. The demand is slow, and, as the offerings are fairly liberal, holders are disposed to make concessions. We quote Maracaiba at 17 1/2 to 18c; Rio, 16 to 17 1/2c; Java, 28c to 25c, and Mocha, 23 to 26c.

A fairly active business has been done in teas, the demand being chiefly for new crop Japans in lots of 50 and 100 Packages, and a number of sales of this kind have been made at prices ranging from 15 to 17c.

There has been no improvement in canned goods, the demand for all lines being exceedingly slow, which is principally due to the fact that wholesale dealers have ample stocks on hand and do not feel disposed at present to place their orders for the new pack until they work down present supplies. On the whole, the market is dull and without any new feature to note. The recent sharp ad-

vance in lobsters is likely to be maintained, on account of the short pack this season. Now canned salmon remains in the same position, no orders having yet been placed here for future delivery. Ordinary brands, f. o. b. coast, are offering at \$1.50, and selected quality, fancy label Clover Leaf, at \$5.50 for flats, and tails at \$3 delivered here. The pack of all kinds of fruits is likely to be very large and lower prices are anticipated in the near future. We quote.—Lobsters, \$8.25 to \$9 per case; French sardines, extra brands, \$9.50 to \$10.50; ordinary brands, \$8 to \$9; Canadian brands \$4 to \$4.25; salmon, \$1.30 to \$1.50 per dozen; mackerel, \$1.25; tomatoes, 75c to 80c; corn, 80 to 90c; marrow-fat peas, 90c to \$1; baked beans, 3 lbs., \$1.25 to \$1.30; peaches, \$1.90 to \$2; strawberries, \$1.75 to \$2; raspberries, \$1.75 to \$2; pine-apples, \$1.75 to \$2, and 3 lb. apples, 85c to 90c.—Gazette, August 1.

### Prize Dairy Products.

Following is a list of the prize winners in the dairy department at the Winnipeg industrial exhibition:

Cheese, three, factory (colored) from 50 to 60 lbs. each, made in 1895. 1, gold medal, H. Roberts & Co., Dalbridge, maker; 2, silver medal, H. Roberts & Co., Stevenson, maker; 3, J. L. Francis.

Cheese, three, factory (white) from 50 to 60 lbs. each, made 1895. 1, D. W. Shunk; 2, H. Roberts & Co., Dalbridge, maker; 3, H. Roberts & Co., Stevenson maker.

Cheese, three, white or colored, sweepstakes, no entry required. Diploma and silver medal to the maker: Diploma, D. W. Shunk.

Cheese, three, Stilton, made not previous to 1895. 1, A. R. Curzan.

#### BUTTER.

Three packages, creamery, of not less than 56 pounds each, for export, suitability of package to be considered—1, gold medal, Alex Scott; 2, silver medal, Norfolk Dairy association; 3, bronze medal, Minnedosa creamery; 4, Wm. Grassick.

Twenty-five pounds, creamery prints—1, Alex Scott; 2, Newdale creamery; 3 B. Longmare; 4 John Hettle; highly commended, Macdonald creamery and Turtle Mountain Butter company.

### British Columbia Year Book.

R. E. Gosnell, provincial librarian for British Columbia and secretary of the statistical department is preparing a year book for that province. It will contain information pertaining to the history, politics, trade, legal information, social conditions, etc. The book will no doubt prove the most interesting volume ever produced regarding

British Columbia. Mr. Gosnell is well able to undertake the work, both as regards literary ability and knowledge of the subjects which will be considered. The book will be sold to the trade, or by subscription. For further information apply to Mr. Gosnell, provincial librarian, Victoria.

### Monthly Trade Returns

The collections of inland revenue at Winnipeg for June, 1896, were:

Spirits.....	\$17,581 40
Tobacco.....	14,137 88
Malt.....	1,837 00
Cigars.....	897 60
Methylated spirit.....	67 51
Petroleum.....	19 50
Licence.....	890 00

Collections, July, 1895.....	\$85,453 39
	31,813 26

Increase..... \$9,610 18

Transactions for month ending July 31, at the Dominion Government Savings' Bank, Winnipeg, were:

Deposits.....	\$25,503 00
Withdrawals.....	14,698 44

Deposits exceed withdrawals..... \$10,804 50

Customs returns at Winnipeg for July, 1896, were as follows:

Description	Value 1895	Value 1896
Exported.....	\$179,378 00	\$ 81,422 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable....	237,910 00	282,530 00
Entered for consumption, free.....	89,927 00	93,889 00

Total for consumption.....	291,837 00	376,469 00
Duty collected....	52,178 86	67,202 40

NOTE—The difference in the exports is in the export of furs, a large quantity having been exported in July 1895.

### Outlook for Sheep.

Many sheepmen predict that both sheep and lambs will decline several points before the bottom is reached. Within the past week there has been a severe break in the market, and yet the range season has not fairly commenced. The supply of western sheep is said to be large, and when ranchmen get ready to ship them nothing will stop them. With other live stock so low sheep are likely to decline, as they generally do as supplies get heavier and the quality poorer. Lambs are still relatively high, but at the present rate of decline they will soon be down to about the usual ratio with sheep.—Chicago Drovers' Journal.

## Winnipeg Board of Trade

A meeting of the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade was held Tuesday afternoon. A report from Sir Donald A. Smith, high commissioner for Canada in Great Britain, who with others represented the board of trade at the recent congress of boards of trade of the empire in London was read. Sir Donald's report was as follows:

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Winnipeg board of trade, the proceedings of the third congress of chambers of commerce of the empire, which was held in London from the 9th to the 12th ultimo. The most prominent subject of discussion was the commercial relations between the mother country and her colonies and dependencies, the debate lasting nearly the whole of two days. It was referred to at length by the honorary president, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, in his speech at the opening of the congress, a report of which appears in the proceedings. You will see from the agenda paper the various resolutions that were placed before the meeting, largely, as you will observe, by Canadian commercial institutions.

At a preliminary meeting of the Canadian delegates, which I convened, it was very evident that there was considerable divergence of opinion upon the various resolutions. After some discussion it was unanimously decided by those who were present, including the delegates from Toronto, that another resolution, or rather an amendment to the Toronto resolution, based upon the resolutions of the Ottawa conference, should be put forward, as expressing the views of the Canadian delegates. Therefore, it was arranged that I should move the following:

"Whereas the stability and progress of the British empire can be best assured by drawing continually closer the bonds that unite the colonies with the mother country, and by the continuous growth of a practical sympathy and co-operation in all that pertains to the common welfare, and whereas this co-operation and unity can in no way be more effectually promoted than by the cultivation and extension of the mutual and profitable interchange of their products: Therefore resolved, That this congress records its belief in the advisability and practicability of a customs arrangement between Great Britain and her colonies and India on the basis of preferential treatment, and recommends that steps should be taken by her majesty's government to bring about an inter-change of opinions on the subject between the mother country and the other governments of the empire."

As you will see from the proceedings of the congress, it became apparent that the Toronto resolution, with a slight amendment, would be preferred to the amendment, I proposed, and after informal conversations with the representatives of several British chambers, and our Canadian friends, I intimated my willingness to withdraw the amendment and allow the Toronto resolution to stand amended to read as follows:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this congress, the advantages to be obtained by a closer commercial union between the various portions of the British empire are so great as to justify an arrangement based upon the principles of the freest exchange of commodities within the empire, consistent with the tariff requirements incident to the maintenance of the local government of each kingdom, dominion, province, or colony, now forming part of the British family of nations; and that this congress recommends that steps should be taken by her majesty's government to bring about an inter-change of opinions on the subject between the mother country and the other governments of the empire."

I was subsequently, however, given to understand by the chairman, that there was little chance of the resolution even in its amended form being carried unanimously. It was felt also that it might even be rejected, and in view of the desirability of unanimous action, and after considerable pressure, the Canadian delegates agreed to withdraw both the Toronto resolution and the amendment, and to endorse the following resolution to be proposed by the chair:

"That this congress of chambers of commerce of the empire is of opinion that the establishment of closer commercial relations between the United Kingdom and the colonies and dependencies is an object which deserves and demands prompt and careful consideration. The congress therefore respectfully represents to her majesty's government that if the suggestion should be made on behalf of the colonies or some of them, it would be right and expedient to promote such consideration, and the formulation of some practicable plan by summoning an imperial conference thoroughly representative of the interests involved, or by some other means as her majesty may be advised to adopt. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the president, to the prime minister, the first lord of the treasury, the secretary of state for the colonies, the leader of the opposition of both the houses, the high commissioner for Canada, and the agents general of the other colonies."

As was anticipated this resolution received the support of all the representatives of chambers of commerce from different parts of the empire who were present, and it was carried unanimously and amid enthusiastic cheers. I may add that we were led to understand that the resolution in the form in which it was finally passed would be acceptable to Mr. Chamberlain.

In some quarters the resolution has been described as being of a colorless character. I think its importance is much greater than is usually imagined, especially in view of the fact that it was carried unanimously. You will see that the resolution contains two expressions of opinion, 1, that the establishment of closer commercial relations between the United Kingdom and the colonies and dependencies is one object which deserves and demands prompt and careful consideration; 2, that the congress respectfully represents, if the colonies or some of them should suggest the convening of an imperial conference for the formation of some practicable plan, that it would be right and expedient on the part of her majesty's government to adopt the suggestion.

I may state that the resolution as originally drafted, instead of the words, "establishment of closer commercial relations" read "the formation of a commercial union," and further that it required all the colonies to make the suggestion for a conference; and besides the words "if possible" were added after "practicable plan." I was able, however, in conjunction with the other delegates, to procure the modification, or rather the strengthening of the resolution in the way in which it now stands. I hope that the Winnipeg board of trade will commend the matter to the favorable consideration of the Dominion government.

Other questions were discussed at the conference of interest to Canada, but I will only refer to the resolution relating to the encouragement of emigration to the colonies. It was somewhat modified at the preliminary meeting of the Canadian delegates to which reference has already been made, as will be seen in the report of the proceedings. The resolution was moved by the Hon. T. Mayne Daly, in a forcible and eloquent speech, which was listened to with great attention and respect by the delegates who were present. It was seconded by Mr. Nairn and supported by myself and other Canadian representa-

tives. As you will observe the resolution was carried unanimously, and I trust that the action of the congress will have the effect of directing attention to this important subject.

Mr. Henric B. Murray, secretary of the London chamber of commerce, wrote regarding the intention of the imperial government to be represented at the international exhibition to be held at Brussels next year, and intimating that colonial products should be included. Mr. Murray added, "I am also to suggest that local chambers might act as local committees for the purpose of obtaining exhibits; and this chamber would be glad to co-operate in any way which might be thought advisable to make such colonial exhibits representative and successful."

The following communication from Gordon Kirkpatrick, of Newcastle New South Wales was read:

Sir,—Will you be kind enough to send me by return mail any books or papers in connection with land settlement in Manitoba? There are many practical farmers with money in this colony and Queensland, who, if they know of the land and of the means of obtaining it in Manitoba, would not hesitate in going to that province. There is such a demand for homesteads in this colony at present that for one special piece of land with river frontage, thrown open for selection recently, there were 5,000 applicants; and for the 17,000 acres on the Murrumbidgee river, to be thrown open on the 26th inst., there is an enormous rush anticipated. Farmers are coming from the neighboring colony (Victoria), and there are farmers here who have been waiting a year for land. I have been a resident of Queensland and N. S. Wales for twenty-five years and am thoroughly acquainted with the country and people, and if I had pamphlets, etc., I feel sure I could induce many to take up homesteads in your province. My uncles, John and George Kirkpatrick, left England with their families for Canada about thirty-six years ago, during which time I have heard nothing of them. They settled in Simcoe county, Ont. It might be possible for your government to offer me a trade agency in Australia for your province. Mr. Larke, the Canadian commissioner, is here, and as the Canadian-Australian steamers run directly from Sydney to Vancouver, there should be trade resulting. The farmers I should influence would be picked men, practical farmers, with means. I should be pleased to receive a few files of local newspapers. I should also be pleased to receive a few pamphlets for distribution. Awaiting your favorable reply.

### A SUGGESTION.

A letter was read from John Binns, of Chicago, suggesting that an international exhibition be held at Toronto next year, in honor of the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign, and the visit of the Duke of York to Canada.

### VOTES OF THANKS.

The council passed votes of thanks to the delegates of the board to the chambers of congress, Sir Donald A. Smith, Hon. T. M. Daly, and Mr. Stephen Nairn. Votes of thanks were also passed to the London chamber of commerce, for courtesies extended to the board's delegates.

Joseph Stovel, an old-time Winnipegger, was renewing acquaintances in the city last week, after an absence of eight years. Mr. Stovel was formerly in the merchant tailoring business here. He now visits the city as representative of the Gutta Parcha and Rubber Manufacturing Co., of Toronto. This company does a very large business in Canada and the United States, particularly in rubber coats and similar lines, of which department Mr. Stovel has special charge. Mr. Stovel goes to Chicago from Winnipeg, where he expects to do a large business,

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## Foreign Crop Conditions

France—The weather in general has continued most favorable for the crops; rye is being brought under cover in excellent condition and one or two early fields of wheat have been cut in the neighborhood of Paris. Some reports seem to indicate that farmers expect to harvest rather less wheat than last year, but the great wheat growing region of the "Nord" has an excellent crop.

Russia.—Reports from the south tend to confirm the news, mentioned by us last week, of poor crops in some of the districts which feed more directly the export places; taken as a whole, however, the latest reports to hand do not indicate any serious impairment of crop conditions over wide areas. We still await a reliable, comprehensive report, either from official or private sources.

Roumania.—Wheat cutting is now well under way, and prospects continue excellent. A noteworthy feature of recent reports is the unanimity with which they agree to abundance of crop in this year's crop.

Austria-Hungary—People are somewhat inclined to reduce estimates of the probable return of wheat in Hungary, but still nothing less than a full average is expected. Repeated rain storms occurred last week and caused interruption to harvest work in both parts of the Empire.

Italy—The harvest makes satisfactory progress, and fair yields are still expected.

Spain—The Government are asking the Cortes to renew the extra import duty on wheat of 2.5 per qr., which was first imposed last year. It is probable they expect a freer movement inward of foreign grain during the ensuing season, and wish to check it as much as possible. This accords with the general tenor of reports, viz., that the harvest is rather smaller than usual, but there is no fear of a great deficit.

Germany—From north, south and centre come reports of fine seasonable weather, and general satisfaction prevails at the welcome change. A start has been made with cutting in some of the earlier districts.

Belgium—Weather most favorable for the crops. Barley is partly cut and the rye crop is ripe.

Holland—Crop reports continue very satisfactory.

North Africa—Harvest results permit reporters to confirm earlier advices that the rains came in time to save a good part of the cereal crops.

Australia—Extremely favorable reports received from Victoria and New South Wales, with a good seed-time increased area has been planted. In South Australia the rainfall was not sufficient up to the end of May, but the seed had germinated and it was hoped that good results would be obtained if June turned out a fairly wet month.—*Liverpool Corn Trade News.*

## Crops in the United Kingdom.

Dornbusch's London List of July 17 says: In the Eastern countries and in the Fen districts, the promise of the wheat crop is unusually fine. In the countries lying between the Wash and the Tweed the crop is coming on grandly, and with fine weather at harvest, the result along the east coast wheat fields can not fail to be satisfactory as to quantity and quality, although it is doubtful if the price will please farmers. Fine samples of malting barley should be numerous this season, but taken all round the crop is not expected to reach an average in quantity. Oats on the Fen lands should turn out well, but otherwise the yield must be deficient. With the exception of 1868 this year is the earliest wheat harvest of the past 30 years. The harvest outlook in Scotland and Ireland

is very promising—potatoes in particular present a luxuriant appearance. The North British Agriculturist says that crops in Scotland at this season have rarely looked better.

## Crops in Northern Alberta.

The Edmonton Bulletin of July 30, says Barley is ready to cut in some fields on Stony Plain, and a large number will be ready to cut on Monday, August 3rd. This is much earlier than usual. The crop is fair, but the straw is short. Wheat is reported to be a fairly good crop throughout the district, having had the choice of land and being better able to stand dry weather than oats or barley, it has done better than either. Oats have suffered most and are generally very short in the straw. Speaking generally the prospect is: an early harvest, a light yield and a good sample of grain.

## The Indiana Wheat Crop.

The Chief of the Indiana Bureau of Statistics has issued a report of the yield of wheat for 1896. The area is returned at 2,862,236 acres, or 141,018 acres more than in 1895. This is 568,000 acres more than reported by the National Department of Agriculture. Returns received from 571 threshers giving the yield from 144,018 acres—only about one-twentieth of the State—indicate a yield of 8.5 bu per acre, or 23,574,800 bu for the State. Possibly a larger number of returns would indicate a little better yield, though the aggregate for the State will not vary much from the figures returned, as the abandoned acreage is included. The quality of the wheat is not very good—weighing from 55 to 53 lbs per bu.

## Binder Twine.

Farm Implements, a Minneapolis agricultural paper, says: As harvest approaches, the binder twine situation grows more interesting. Prices still remain at the figures quoted the first of the season, though with an upward tendency, and this in spite of the fact that there has already been shipped from this market a larger amount of twine than was sold to bind the immense crop of 1895; that there still remain four weeks before the demand for twine will cease, that the dealers in the southern or winter wheat territory made an underestimate of their needs and will have no twine to unload onto the north-western trade.

## Low Price of Pork.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The continued weakness and the recent sharp decline in prices in the Chicago pork market has created a week feeling in this market, and it is reported that round lots of Canadian clear and mess pork have been offered at a further decline of 50c per barrel. Prices at Montreal are quoted as follows: Canadian short cut, clear \$10.50 to \$11.00; Canadian short cut, mess \$11 to \$11.50; hams, 7½ to 9½c; lard, Canadian, in pails 7½c; bacon, per lb 8½ to 9½c; lard compound refined, per lb 5 to 5½c."

## A Crime Against Labor.

The greatest crime short of absolute political enslavement that could be committed against the workingman in this country would be to confiscate his labor for the benefit of the employer by destroying the value of the money in which his wages are paid. The irreparable wrong can never be perpetrated under our system of government unless the laboring man himself assists in forging his own chains.—John G. Carlisle,

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