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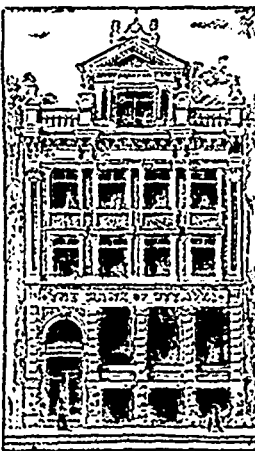
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WINNIPEG, JUNE 4, 1898.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 30.—Vancouver shipping men regard with great satisfaction the steady recent increase in the ocean traffic of the port. The average tonnage of Vancouver ocean steamers and sailing ships in port now reaches 25,000 tons irrespective of the tonnage measurement of many coasting craft of minor importance which daily enter and leave Vancouver. As a result of this development, Vancouver stands for the first time well ahead of Seattle as an ocean port, although the people of the latter city strenuously endeavor to make out that their port is still ahead of the Terminal city.

The lumbermen are still busy, and prices continue on a more satisfactory basis. The canners are endeavoring to enter into mutual arrangement to put up a somewhat smaller pack this season than that of last year, fearing otherwise, a glut in the world's market. Negotiations having this end in view are quietly proceeding, but it cannot be said that up to the present any sufficiently binding arrangement has been made. One thing that will improve the position of the cannery men this season and which may be set off against certain temporary disadvantages of the present situation is the expected large demand of the Royal navy for canned salmon, which will this year for the first time be supplied to the men of the various fleets as part of the usual weekly rations. It is expected that this Imperial government demand will absorb in amount the average output of about five fair sized British Columbian canneries.

The farmers are being advised to hang on to their hay, but there is very little of the old crop to hang on to, as it has been all bought up as

report goes by the reported Honolulu representative of the Jardine's of San Francisco. Owing to the complete failure of the Californian crop, hay and oats are extremely stiff at present prices and have a strong tendency to go upward. The Jardine representative made demands in the B. C. market that would have exhausted the supply in two months. He will not touch the new crop. McLaughlin and Jardine are now practically controlling the British Columbia market in hay and oats.

British Columbia Items.

A. Hanson, hotel, Field, is burnt out.

G. Gray, fruit, etc., Westminster, has sold out.

The Revelstoke Brick Co. has started business.

Pordue & Richardson, hotel, Nelson, have dissolved.

A. Burlinck, fruit and confectionery, has opened at Trill.

Chas. Jiskowicz, cigars, Nelson, is succeeded by Mrs. J. Jignac.

J. C. Durick, of Carlin & Durick, general store, Port Steele, is dead.

N. A. McPherson, Vancouver, has opened a tailor shop at Ashcroft.

The Cranbrook Trading Co. is opening a general store at Cranbrook.

Robinson & Co., clothing and boots and shoes are opening at Nanaimo.

P. Carrier, shoemaker, Slocan, has given up business and gone to Cariboo.

Sinclair & Co., boots and shoes, Westminster, offers to sell Vancouver branch.

R. Dodds, of Vancouver is opening a bakery and confectionery business at Golden.

W. H. Robertson, trader, Whaleton, Cortez Island, is succeeded by W. R. Drinkwater.

T. A. Empey & Co., general store, Rossland, have dissolved, S. Carnahan withdrawing.

McCallum & Millsbaugh, hardware, Slocan City, have dissolved; Mary McCallum continues.

Berry & Gillman, manufacturers, boots and shoes, Nanaimo; style now Berry & Thurston.

Campbell Bros., blacksmiths, etc., Ashcroft, have dissolved and are succeeded by Perkins & Peterson.

The Canadian Pacific railway will build a station from Robson to Midway and possibly to Pentleton, through the Boundary Creek country.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: N. Friedman, men's furnishings, is moving to Steveston. R. Marshall, restaurant, has sold out to Jacob Parker. T. A. Lyttleton, watchmaker, has opened business.

J. S. Smith has disposed of his store business at Kamloops to Woodside & Marshall. Tom Marshall has been in the employment of Mr. Smith for about two years, and J. H. Woodside was lately in business at Revelstoke. Mr. Smith intends to go to the coast.

The following items are reported from Victoria: Wing Chong & Co., Chinese merchants, have effected a compromise and resumed business. W. B. C. Mewburn, grocer has sold out. Taylor & Mahoney, Dawson hotel, have been sold out under distress for rent.

The Victoria board of trade has passed a resolution urging the construction of the Skeine-Teslin rail-

way this year, and expressing the confidence of the board that after the British Columbia government had voted aid to the extent of \$1,000 per mile, the Dominion government would surely grant any further aid necessary to secure the construction of the line.

The following items are reported from Vancouver—J. D. Foreman & Co., produce, have dissolved, S. G. Faulkner withdrawing. J. C. Bshop, picture frames, stationery, is giving up the stationery line. Chartered Trust Co., of British Columbia, Ltd., is incorporated. False Creek Feed and Produce Co. (Young & Murchie); now co-partnership formed. Scougale Bros., of Colbourne, Ont., dry goods and men's furnishings, are opening business. Jos. S. Edgar, of Windsor, Ont., is opening in boots and shoes. Thos. Coburn, has opened in groceries. Geo. W. Dunlop, carriage maker, is going into carriage supplies, and giving up manufacturing.

The following items are reported from Victoria—D. Haggerty, groceries, has sold out to Geo. Moran. A. B. Erskine, boots and shoes, is retiring from the retail trade, and going into wholesale. M. X. Smith, hotel, has sold out to G. Johns. W. J. Patridge, hotel, has formed a partnership with J. J. Ryan. J. Griffin & Co., jewelry, auctioneers, are moving to Vancouver. Carter, Hall & Baker, manufacturers' agents; have dissolved; George Carter continues.

The World's Wheat Crop.

The statistician of the United States department of agriculture has issued a detailed statement of the world's wheat production in 1897, from which the following general totals are copied, adding thereto figures for previous years, as previously reported by the department:

	Bushels.
United States	530,149,000
Canada	56,597,000
Mexico	12,000,000
Chile	10,500,000
Argentina	32,000,000
Uruguay	3,600,000
United Kingdom	54,527,000
France	251,298,000
Germany	107,000,000
Austria-Hungary	133,370,000
Other European countries	600,163,000
Asia	358,990,000
Africa	36,200,000
Australasia	27,636,000
Total, 1897	2,214,030,000
1896	2,428,000,000
1895	2,510,000,000
1894	3,676,000,000
1893	2,563,000,000
1892	2,482,000,000
1891	2,432,000,000

The report says: "The best estimates which can be obtained for the principal wheat growing countries of the southern hemisphere for the year 1897-98 are as follows: Argentina, 50,000,000; Chile, 15,000,000; Uruguay, 8,500,000; Australasia, 30,500,000; India, 198,000,000.

The Cincinnati Price Current has issued its annual statistical supplement, giving much tabulated information in regard to grain, provisions, live stock, crops, etc. A very useful pamphlet.

Dominion supplementary estimates contain the following items: Winnipeg custom house repairs and improvements, \$1,800; Regina land titles office, \$13,000; Medicine Hat court house, \$6,000; Vancouver drill hall, \$20,000; trail from Edmonton towards Yukon district, \$15,000.

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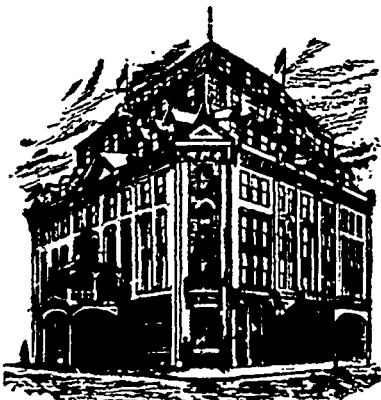
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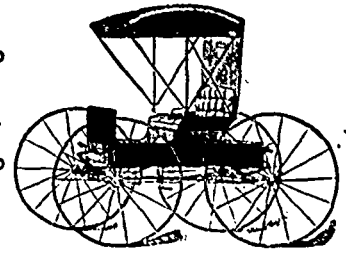
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The Winnipeg Industrial.

The prize list of the great Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association was issued this week. The work was executed by the Free Press job printing department, and altogether is a very creditable production. The handsome lithographic cover, in colors, gives familiar scenes about the exhibition grounds on the front, while the back cover contains a splendid advertisement for the Hudson's Bay company. The prize list announces that \$15,000 will be offered in prizes. The rail-ways will give free transportation for exhibits from Manitoba and the territories, both ways, and greatly reduced passenger rates will be made for the occasion. Reduced rates will also be made from Eastern Canada points, both for passengers and exhibits. Excursion will also be run from points south in the United States. The list of attractions secured for the ex-

pected the work would be gone on with. It is now reported that MacKenzie and Mann have notified the British Columbia government that they cannot go on with the undertaking, owing to their failure to secure certain additional aid expected from the Dominion.

The Lumber Trade.

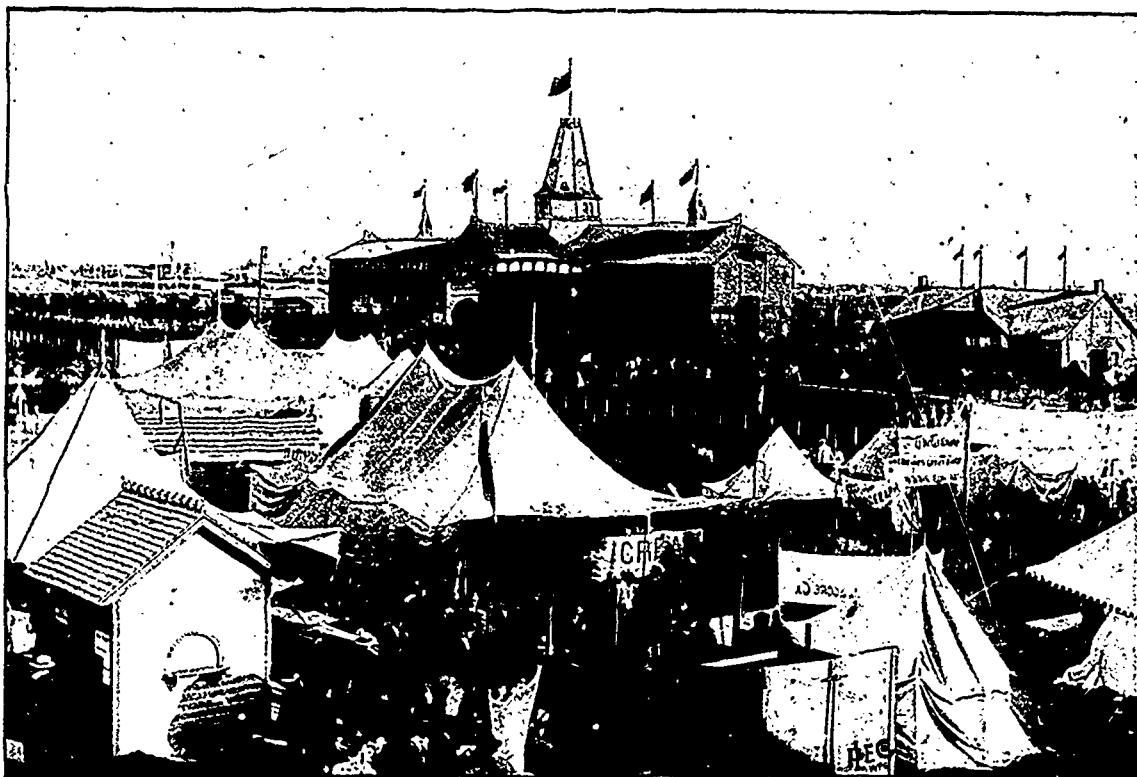
The Minneapolis Lumberman says. The market for red cedar shingles and fir lumber on the west coast presents two entirely different phases. There is an unusual demand for car stock and railroad material, and the lumber mills have about all they can attend to. Their stocks are sold way ahead of the saws, and a great deal of lumber is being shipped green. On the contrary there is a decided drag in the shingle market. Most of the mills are running, but are only hav-

and may prove insufficient in some grades.

Hides, Wool, etc.

The Commercial has received a copy of the handsome colored lithograph showing the fur bearing animals of North America, a cut of which was recently given in The Commercial, in reduced size. The picture was prepared by W. J. Burnett, of the North-western Hide and Fur company of Minneapolis. Mr. Burnett has made a study of the fur bearing animals and he is quite an authority on this subject. He is also compiler of a guide for hunters and trappers.

The Boston wool market last week showed a generally firmer tone and more inquiry from manufacturers is noted, but as a rule they are disposed to bid low. Advices from the western states mar-



INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION GROUNDS, WINNIPEG

hibition this year is claimed to be the best yet offered here. One of the principal features will be the scenic production, The Relief of Lucknow, similar to the siege of Algiers, which proved such a great attraction last year. The exhibition dates this year are from July 11 to 16, inclusive. There is every reason to expect that the exhibition this year will eclipse all its predecessors, as already the entry list is large.

No Railway to Yukon.

The prospect of the construction of a railway this year to develop the Stikine route to Yukon territory, seems now to have finally collapsed. After the senate refused to ratify the Dominion government project, the British Columbia government took hold of the matter and an arrangement with MacKenzie and Mann was recently announced, whereby it was

ing a limited amount of trade, and many of them are not selling shingles nearly as fast as they are making them. The demand from the east is decidedly light, and there are no immediate prospects of its improving to any extent.

D. C. Cameron, president of the Rat Portage Lumber company, says that the logs are coming down the rivers to the mills. At one time it was thought that the logs would be hung up for the season, owing to low water but the water has risen and the logs are now reaching deep water. It was the first time in ten years that the logs did not come down with the ice, and the first time in years the mills have really required logs to keep going during the summer. Mr. Cameron reports business good and lumber prices firm, as the supply of lumber this season is on the light side

kets note a stronger feeling, and much of the new wool coming forward is on consignment, and in many cases is not to be offered at present, as owners look for a better market later.

Dry Goods Trade.

In the United States cotton fabrics are showing more active tone and business is healthier, although not specially active. Printcloths have worked higher, or 1-3c advance from the low point.

The Dominion Cotton Mills Co. is threatening to move its mills from Kingston and Brantford to Quebec province, unless bonuses are given to aid in renewing the plants, \$50,000 is wanted from Kingston. The plea is that cheaper labor and cheap water power can be had in Quebec.

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THE APRIL BANK STATEMENT.

The government statement of the chartered banks for April continues the good showing made for the three former months of the present year, but stands in about the same ratio to its preceding month as that for 1897, the difference, however, being favourable instead of retrograding. Looking to the item banknotes in circulation, April, 1897, showed a decrease from March of that year of \$267,598 taking the statement under review we notice the decrease is only \$86,434. For a year prior to April, 1897, the increase was \$1,159,950; from April, 1897, to April, 1898, the increase has been \$5,028,728. This certainly is a favorable increase in the amount of money being kept in circulation for purely business purposes. The causes may be Yukon gold fields' reduced freight and railway rates, increased prices for products, proceeds of the good crops of last year, etc., etc., but the figures set forth the facts as they stand. Analysis the statement by banks, we find over half the number show increased circulation over the March statement.

Of the Ontario Banks, two show an increase; the Quebec Banks 9, show an increase, Nova Scotia 6 increased, New Brunswick 2 increased, British Columbia increased as did also the Prince E. I. banks. However, the amount was overbalanced by the other banks to the extent shown in the abstract, the banks in Ontario decided the balance. Deposits also have proved an important factor. The increase, April, 1897, over same month, 1896, was \$15,200,000. The increase April, 1898, over same month, 1897, is nearly \$21,500,000, although the increase for the month of April, 1898, over March of the same year is much less than it was in 1897. The changes in amounts due American banks and agencies and British banks and branches are much in the same ratio as a year ago. An increase of \$2,567,563 is shown in the total liabilities for the month, and \$25,197,957 for the year, total liabilities being \$268,619,023. Specie and Dominion notes show a small increase for April over March, but for the year the balance is reversed. Amounts due from American banks and agencies increased \$14,851 for the month, and is nearly 3 1-4 millions more than a year ago. Amounts due from British banks and branches show a reduction for the month, and also as compared with a year ago. Canadian municipal and other securities increased slightly during the month, and show over 1-4 millions' increase for the year. Railway securities increased very much on the same lines. Loans on stocks, bonds, etc., while showing a decrease for the month of \$1,303,017, stands \$5,493,934 higher than on 30th April, 1897. Another important feature in the returns is current loans. Under this heading in the April, 1897, abstract, the increase over March of that year is \$3,052,498, and over April, 1896, \$5,992,849. April, 1898, increase over March, is \$1,079,749, and over April, 1897, \$5,930,456. These notable changes show a large and steady growth trade. Overdue

debts, while higher than a year ago, are reduced by the April figures. The total increase in assets for April over March is \$2,654,316, and over April, 1897, \$25,173,481. Total assets 30th April, \$358,531,075. The balance of the banks' assets over liabilities, \$89,012,652.—Insurance and Finance Chronicle.

BANK DIVIDENDS.

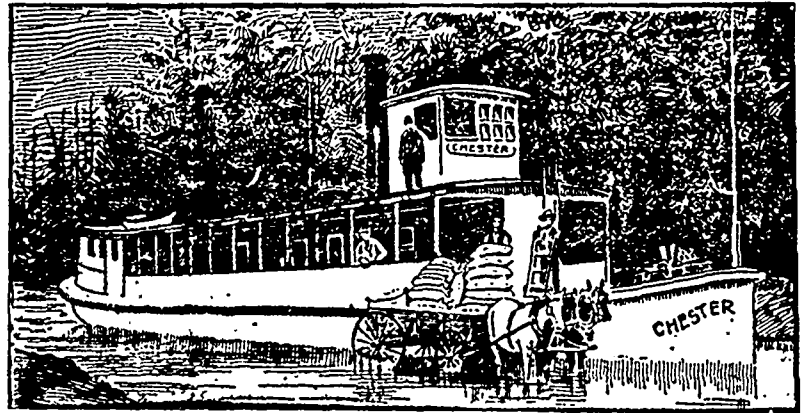
Half yearly dividends have been declared by the Canadian banks as follows: Bank of Commerce, 3 1-2 per cent; Bank of Hamilton, 4 per cent; Bank of Montreal, 5 per cent; Bank of Ottawa, 4 per cent; Bank of Toronto, 5 per cent; Banque d'Hochelega, 3 1-2 per cent; Banque Nationale 3 per cent; Banque Ville Marie, 3 per cent; Dominion bank, 3 per cent; Imperial bank, 4 and 1 per cent; Merchants' bank, 4 per cent; Ontario bank, 2 1-2 per cent; Quebec bank, 3 per cent; Standard bank, 4 per cent; Trades bank, 3 per cent; Union bank 3 per cent.

D. Fraser, lately in the flour and feed business at Virden, Man., has moved to Hamilton, Ontario, where he will embark in business.

The May Wheat Deal.

The May wheat deal rather flattened out at the end. All May transactions would have to be closed on Tuesday of this week, which was the last day of the month. Wheat opened lower on Tuesday and closed at \$1.25, a drop of 50 cents in one day, from the previous quotation of \$1.75. Most settlements were made between \$1.40 and \$1.50. No doubt a great many deals were closed out previous to Tuesday at the higher prices ruling, owing to the possibility of a squeeze at the end of the month. The result however, shows that there was no squeeze whatever and those shorts who held on to the end would come out better than those who settled earlier. Perhaps, however, the fact that there was very little short interest left, nearly all the settlements having been made earlier, was the cause of the tumble. Many expected a squeeze at the end of the month and got out of the way earlier, thus preventing just what they feared. May wheat at New York declined to \$1.15 on Tuesday. It sold as high as \$1.91 at New York earlier in the month.

With this famous May corner now closed out, the immediate future of



LIGHT DRAFT STEAMBOAT

Light Draft Steamboat.

We reproduce this week a picture of a light draft steamboat, which plies on the Cowlitz river in the state of Oregon, and which is said to be about the lightest draft steamer ever built. The cut shows the steamer discharging freight into a farm wagon, and the depth of water will be indicated by the fact that it hardly covers the feet of the horses.

The Chester is 100 feet in length, 24 feet and 8 inches in width; depth of hold 3 feet and 6 inches; has a freight capacity of seventy-five tons; can accommodate sixty passengers, and, as a matter of fact, when loaded only draws seven inches of water.

The idea of The Commercial in reproducing this cut, is to indicate what might be accomplished in navigating our rivers in Manitoba and the territories. The Commercial has frequently called attention in times past to the value of our waterways. Many of our people evidently do not appreciate the great value which these waterways might be made to serve the country. We have rivers and lakes which at moderate expense could be improved and connected, so as to provide thousands of miles of navigable waterways, for the transportation of heavy freight at a fraction almost of the cost of carriage by rail.

wheat is uncertain. The conditions certainly seem bearish. At any rate the market has lost a great speculative support. Crop reports are exceptionally good, both from Europe and America. The movement of wheat is phenomenal. World's shipments last week reached the enormous quantity of 13,000,000 bushels, including 3,000,000 from India, and 4,600,000 from Russia, showing that India is again a considerable factor in the situation. Argentina has also been exporting wheat heavily, compared with a year ago, and Russian shipments are a surprise in view of the reports of limited supplies held there. Of course the high price ruling for wheat has no doubt had the effect of drawing out wheat very closely; but it may also have the effect of greatly stimulating production throughout the wheat-producing world, thus bringing about very low prices in the future.

In America exports have been very heavy from Atlantic ports, but notwithstanding this supplies have increased, the various statistical statements showing increases ranging from 600,000 to 800,000 bushels last week. This is no doubt owing to the fact that country stocks have been drawn out to secure the high prices offered of late under the influence of speculative manipulation.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA

Stocks of Wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	197,000
Toronto	18,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	175,000
Manitoba elevators	1,000,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	901,000

Total May 21 2,350,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on May 21, were 29,325,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 48,480,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1 were 3,051,000 bushels, compared with 1,614,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains for the week ended May 28, was 23,692,000 bushels, being an increase of 587,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 26,897,000 bushels, two years ago 50,340,000 bushels, three years ago 52,229,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	2,260,000 bushels
Duluth	3,246,000 "
Minneapolis	8,311,000 "
New York	2,911,000 "
Buffalo	1,162,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 8,144,000 bushels, compared with 8,889,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 19,504,000 bushels, compared with 11,475,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe, on May 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: May 1, 1898, 100,890,000; May 1, 1897, 107,198,000; May 1, 1896, 146,682,000; May 1, 1895, 172,099,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, August 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	70,677,000	56,950,900
Milwaukee	8,878,003	7,331,187
Duluth	40,695,014	42,914,245
Chicago	35,781,061	14,889,339

Total 156,031,078 122,085,671

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States winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1897, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop	Last Crop
Toledo	14,071,089	7,155,412
St. Louis	12,010,180	11,261,095
Detroit	4,879,207	3,193,914
Kansas City	28,985,772	7,969,600
Total	59,946,248	28,580,021

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins. Skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger	\$.05	\$.50
Bear, black	5.00	25.00
Bear, brown	4.00	20.00
Bear, yearlings	2.00	8.00
Bear, grizzly	5.00	16.00
Beaver, large	5.00	6.50
" medium	3.00	4.00
" small	1.50	2.25
" cubs . . . . .	.50	1.00
" castors, per lb.	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	9.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	15.00
" cross pale	2.50	5.00
" kitt . . . . .	.10	.50
" red	1.00	1.60
" silver dark	40.00	75.00
" peale	25.00	60.00
Lynx, large	1.50	2.00
" medium	1.00	1.25
" small . . . . .	.50	.75
Marten, dark	2.50	5.00
" pale or brown	1.50	4.00
" light pale	1.00	2.25
Mink, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, pale . . . . .	.75	1.25
Musquash, winter . . . . .	.04	.10
" spring . . . . .	.08	.12
Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk . . . . .	.25	.50
Wolf, timber	1.00	1.50
" prairie . . . . .	.40	.75
Wolverine	1.00	3.50

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, May afloat Fort William, 69½c; No. 2 66½c.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.00; Bakers, \$1.80.

Bran—Per ton, \$6.

Shorts—Per ton, \$8.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 19@24c.

Barley—Feed, 25c; Malting, 27@28c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, dealers' selling price, 14@15c, and 15½@16 paid for creamery at the factory.

Cheese—Dealers selling at 9 @ 10c for new.

Eggs—Fresh selling at 10½@11c.

Beef—City dressed, fresh, 6 @ 6½c.

Mutton—8@9c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5½c.
Cattle—Butchers, 3@3½c; export, 3½@4½c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, 4½c for best bacon.

Sheep—4@4½c off cars here.

Hides—No. 1 green, 6½c.

Wool, 9@9½c.

Seneca Root—Dry, 15c.

Poultry—Chickens, 50c per pair; turkeys, 9c per lb., live.

Potatoes—35@40c per bushel.

Hay—4@4½\$ per ton.

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Manitoba

A. G. Hample, butcher, Winnipeg, has assigned.

Winnipeg carpenters want an advance in wages.

B. St. John will open a jewelry store at Portage la Prairie.

W. H. Hall will establish a new paper at Virden, Man.

On the Southeastern railway construction 150 teams are now at work.

R. C. Ennis, of Neepawa, has opened a branch flour and feed store at Minnedosa.

Acton & Fitzpatrick have reopened the old post office store at Alexander, Man., with a line of dry goods.

Mr. A. Colquhoun, of Winnipeg, has been appointed western representative of the Reliance cigar factory of Montreal.

J. W. Buchanan, contractor, Winnipeg, shipped his railway outfit to Sifton station, where he will begin work on the Daphin road, with one hundred men.

Chas. Whitehead has again started his ditching machine and expects to finish his contract of draining the St. Andrew's marsh, north of Winnipeg, in ninety days. All this wide area, Mr. Whitehead believes, will soon be converted into wheat land.

The Toronto Type Foundry company have purchased the building on Owen street, Winnipeg, now occupied by the Manitoba Produce Co., and will have it fitted up for their Winnipeg branch business.

Fire broke out again Monday night in the Montreal block, Winnipeg, for the second time within a week. The fire was discovered in the rear store of W. J. Craig, hardware and furniture. The fire was quickly extinguished. The loss was not heavy.

Winnipeg bakers want the city council to establish a standard for bread. The following is proposed: That the standard loaf weigh two pounds, retain its weight for twelve hours after baking, contain nothing but wholesome bread or meal and water, yeast and salt, and have the maker's initials stamped plainly on it.

The Winnipeg Retailers' association is endeavoring to curtail the operations of the so-called second hand dealers, who sell goods at retail during the day and carry on an auction business in the evening, after the other retail stores are compelled to close. The association wants these places closed when the other stores are closed.

At the meeting of the liquor license commissioners for the Winnipeg district, the following licenses were granted to city hotels: Dugald McArthur, St. Nicholas; H. McKittrick, National; Clara A. Burton, Windsor; Aline Bernard, Grand Central; Louise Bernard, Royal. The application of Harry Rathburn, of the exchange, for a renewal was refused, on the ground that the building is not in proper condition for the hotel business. He will be granted an extension of two months to dispose of his stock. The application of M. J. Foster, for a license for the Queen's hotel, Dominion City, was refused owing to the requisition not containing sixteen signatures of the twenty nearest householders. It was decided to refuse licenses where gambling is permitted in hotels.

Assiniboia.

Hilt & Dill will open a general store at Wolseley.

Wilfrid Openshaw has started a butcher shop at Swift Current.

W. F. Lawrence, general merchant, Maple Creek, who recently sold out to Mr. Cool, of Mount Forest, Ont., is opening in furniture and undertaking, lumber, stoves, etc., at the same place.

Jean Claustre, general merchant, Maple Creek, will build a stone store on the site of his present building. The store will be 50x70 feet, two stories, built of free stone, with a sandstone front.

James Franks, general merchant, Pleasant Forks, has sold out to Thos. M. Bee. Mr. Franks will continue his general store at Hyde. He has also purchased the tinsmithing business formerly carried on at Grenfell by W. R. Hare, and will add a full line of hardware.

Northwest Ontario.

Shera & Co., Port Artaur, have sold their stock of men's and boy's clothing and furnishings to W. A. Burrows, and will confine themselves to dry goods only.

The Rat Portage Cold Storage and Produce Company, Limited, with a paid up capital of \$50,000, has applied for incorporation. The proprietors are Major the Honorable J. E. P. Vereker, of London, England; W. P. Margot, of W. A. F. Jones, E. F. Head, and A. C. Boyce. It is the intention of the company to erect a three story block at Rat Portage.

Saskatchewan.

A brick building for the Imperial bank, will be erected at Prince Albert by T. E. Baker.

Mrs. Stewart is building a new store on the site of the one burned last fall at Prince Albert.

M. H. Ritchie, of Poplar Point, Man., who recently started for the Yukon via Prince Albert, writes back from the latter place as follows: "In the interests of any intending travellers towards the Yukon country via the Prince Albert route, I have very much pleasure in giving my experience as regards procuring suitable outfits at most reasonable prices in the town of Prince Albert. I have found the business men there well stocked with everything necessary for the trip to Klondike, all supplies and equipment of every description including a large assortment of canoes which can be obtained in Prince Albert at much greater advantage than elsewhere." Mr. Ritchie adds, his regrets at having taken supplies with him, as he could have purchased to better advantage at Prince Albert, when allowance is made for cost of freight.

Canadians and their Knowledge of their own Country.

It is a frequent subject of remark that the people of the mother land are densely ignorant of Canada and Canadian affairs, and the ignorance of the people of the great republic to the south of us in regard to our resources and institutions has passed into a proverb. Not long since a friend of the writer from London, Ont., visited Ohio. There he was introduced to a leading business man who enquired from what part of Canada he had come. On learning that he

was from London, he said: "I sold a bicycle to a man the other day. He was from a town very near London, some town beginning with O." This excited my friends' curiosity, and he began to name as many places as he could beginning with O—to all of which the business man objected until Ottawa was mentioned, which he evidently considered a suburb of London.

Not long since the delegates of some benevolent organization held an annual meeting in Detroit, and a Kansas representative crossed the river and spent a part of a day at Windsor. On returning he expressed his great disappointment at having spent a half-day in the Queen's domain and never seeing either the Queen herself or Windsor castle!

Frequent stories are told of people in the old land handing letters to be delivered to their friends, to parties coming to Canada, as though Canada was a small country village rather than a half continent.

It is not surprising, however, that Englishmen and Americans should be ignorant of Canada, but it is greatly to be regretted that Canadians with so great and good a country should be lamentably ignorant of their native land or the land of their adoption. It is deplorable in the writer's judgment that the over-crowded curricula of our schools cannot be shortened and simplified and a much larger degree of attention be given to Canadian matters. Canada, just now, has reached that "tide in the affairs of men, that taken at its flood, leads on to fortune." The chief thing for Canadians now to mark, learn and inwardly digest is that Providence has placed in their hands the grandest heritage ever given to a young nation.

And yet how few Canadians dream of the great extent the boundless riches of soil, of mine, of lake and river, and the illimitable possibilities before us as a people. Excellent as our natural heritage is our institutions are second to none the world over. Our government, schools, churches, railroads, canals, banks, mercantile institutions, organized charities are equal, we believe, to those of any nation and superior to those of most nations.

In the number, but not in the quality of our population are we deficient. We have in this favored land an intermingling of the best qualities of different nationalities that should develop a type of people as strong and pure and free as the world has known.

For these reasons we welcome the announcement of a new Canadian Encyclopaedia, now issuing from the press of The Linscott Co., Toronto, as likely to contribute in no small degree in giving Canadians and foreigners a greater and more appreciative idea of Canada, its resources and institutions. The work is in five Royal Quarto volumes (beautifully illustrated) of over 500 pages each, containing contributions by over 300 select Canadian and English writers—each a specialist in his line—along with a valuable digest in the form of notes, statistics and tables of nearly everything that has been published on Canada.

It is a stupendous undertaking and we are glad to learn its meeting with great success throughout Canada. The first volume is now out and the others will follow during the present year.

The Rev. Dr. Austin, of Toronto, is in the city in the interests of this work.

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Crop Reports.

The recent rains have greatly benefited the crops throughout northwestern Manitoba, and reports received at M. & N. W. railway offices Thursday state that vegetation is fully a week further advanced than it was at this time last spring, when it will be remembered the drought promised to be serious. From points towards the northwestern boundary of the province and beyond into the Territories the occurrence of frosts is reported, which have checked growth somewhat, but have not occasioned any permanent injury, in fact they may be beneficial by strengthening the root. The detailed reports from northwestern points are as follows:

M. & N. W. CROP REPORT.

The Manitoba and Northwestern Railway company's crop report for the two weeks ending the 1st of June, is as below:

Westbourne—Owing to the late rains crops of all kinds are looking first-class and about ten days earlier than last year at this time. There is every prospect of an abundant harvest.

Gladstone—Seeding all finished and grain all up. Acreage of wheat and oats will be 30 per cent more than last year. Barley about the same. Crop is now ten days ahead of last year and growing fine. Last night's rain will make a great improvement in appearance of all crops in a few days. No damage by frost in this vicinity. Farmers are all busily engaged breaking new land.

Arden—Seeding all finished, being about a week to ten days ahead of last year. Wheat acreage will average about 25 per cent more than last year. Oats and barley about the same. Eighty per cent of the crop has sprouted and about 50 per cent of the wheat shows a growth of from four to six inches above ground. Growth somewhat retarded owing to lack of rains at beginning of season; however, it is now about a week ahead of last season and could not look better. Weather conditions have been most favorable, frequent rains and cool weather prevailing.

Neepawa—Crops are all in excellent condition and fully one week further advanced than at this time last year. Wheat and early oats are particularly good. We have had two fine showers of rain and at present the conditions are all good for growth. Acreage of wheat is about 10 per cent to 15 per cent in excess of last year, acreage of oats about the same as last year.

Minnedosa—Crops in this district are advanced about as far as at this time last year. Wheat and oats are growing nicely. A few local showers last week have done a lot of good, but rain has not been general. No damage by frost.

Rapid City—Crops in this vicinity all doing well. The rain of last week has greatly benefitted them and grain of all kinds is growing nicely. The wheat and oat crop is about six days further advanced than at this time last year. Acreage of wheat and oats about 20 per cent greater than last year; barley about the same.

Newdale—Crops of all kinds are looking well. Last week's showers helped the growth some, but more rain is needed. Wheat as compared with last year is a few days earlier. Oats and barley about the same. Acreage of wheat about 10 per cent ahead of last year. Oats and barley about the same.

Strathclair—Seeding is now completed here and crops are looking

well considering the continued dry weather and frosts. The earlier sown wheat has been damaged slightly by frost. Oats and barley just beginning to sprout and will be helped very much by the light rain showers of the last few days. Farmers in general are well satisfied with the appearance of the crops, but say more rain is needed. Wheat acreage this year is 40 per cent in advance of last year. Oats and barley about the same. The growth is about two weeks ahead of last year.

Shoal Lake—Seeding all completed in this vicinity; the early sown wheat and oats are doing well, notwithstanding the continued dry weather. The growth is about a week ahead of last season at this time. Two light showers during the past two weeks did a lot of good. Slight damage to oats reported. Acreage in wheat is 30 per cent over last year. Oats and barley about the same.

Birtle—Recent heavy frosts have damaged the wheat in some places, and has put it back to about a week later than last year. Ground is very dry and everything now depends on rain coming. Oats not damaged much except in early sown cases. Acreage of wheat about 15 per cent over last year; oats about the same.

Binscarth—Seeding in this vicinity all finished. Wheat in many places has been damaged considerably by frost. Last night's rain will improve its growth and appearance very much, but more rain is needed. Wheat crop is two weeks in advance of last year; scarcely any oats up yet. Wheat acreage about 30 per cent over last year; oats about the same.

Russell—Seeding operations were finished in this district a week or ten days ago, and many of the fields are quite green although the frost of last week cut the growing grain in many places, putting it back considerably, but farmers do not consider any lasting damage has been done. Rain is needed, although the grain does not seem to be suffering to any extent. Wheat and oats are advanced to about the same stage as at this season last year, while the acreage is fully 10 per cent in excess.

Langenburg—Crops were all doing well until the hard frosts of the 28th and 29th May, which cut them down considerably, and will put them back at least two weeks, although the recent rains will make wonderful improvement in a short time. Crops are now a week later than at this time last year; acreage about the same.

Sniticoats—Wheat and oat seeding all finished, barley not all in yet. Acreage of wheat and oats ahead of last year by about 20 per cent; barley about the same. The weather has been very favorable. Frost slightly touched the crop but no injury has been derived from it. All crops are very good and about ten days later than last year.

Yorkton—The growing crops have been greatly benefitted by the recent rain and have not a promising appearance after the set-back by the recent heavy frost. On the whole, both wheat and oats are about as far advanced as at this time last year. Acreage of both wheat and oats about 25 per cent ahead of last year.

The weight of a bag of potatoes has been legally fixed at 50 pounds, according to recent legislation at Ottawa.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Gazette of Monday last says: There has since the beginning of the month been a collapse in the market for ocean freight for grain. On May 1 large steamships for full cargoes of wheat and corn to Cork for orders were quoted at 5s per quarter, which is equivalent to nearly 16 cents per bushel. To-day, it is said, the same steamers would have difficulty in securing 3s 11-2d per quarter (although 3s 6d is the nominal quotation), or 10 cents per bushel.

Chicago Trade Bulletin: Eastbound rail rates are to be restored June 13 to 20c on flour and grain and 17 1-2c per 100 lbs on corn from Chicago to New York. The present rate is 10 to 12c on grain and 14 to 15c on provisions. There is a pool of the leading roads operating between Buffalo and New York, for which one man makes the rates. Ocean rates have further declined. The rate from New York to Liverpool is 3 to 3 1-2d. Through rates from Chicago to Liverpool are 14 1-2c per bushel on wheat and 14c on corn. Flour is 24.0c to 25c per 100 lbs. Lake and rail rates to New England are 16 1-2c per 100 lbs on flour, 9 1-2c per bushel on wheat, 8 1-2c on corn and 5 1-2c on oats. Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo were steady with a fair business at 13-8c on wheat, 11-8 to 1 1-4c on corn and 1c on oats. Corn was taken to Kingston at 2 1-2c.

The Live Stock Trade.

Dan Hamilton, of Neepawa, Man., shipped six carloads of stockers to Lethbridge, Alberta, this week.

W. W. Thebo, of Seattle, Washington state, is sending the largest cattle expedition to the Klondike yet entered upon in connection with the gold fields of the north. Thebo hopes to ship over a thousand head. Four hundred cattle were shipped from Vancouver to Pyramid Harbor on the barge Transfer No. 1, on Thursday.

The largest shipment of young stock ever made from this district, says the Spectator, of Mooseomin, Assa., was taken west last week to the ranges. In addition to two car loads of yearlings shipped by McLean, T. L. Bray shipped two cars to Glendon. R. A. Magee and Handley shipped a train-load to Maple Creek and Calgary. Many were delivered in very poor condition and were too weak to ship. Higher prices were paid than heretofore realized.

Dairy Trade Items.

Brockville, May 26.—3,550 boxes offered. Most sales at 63-4 to 67-8c, one or two bids at 7 to 7 1-16c.

Woodstock, Ont., May 25.—13 factories offered 2,468 boxes cheese—66 1 white and 1,804 colored. Sales—424 colored, at 63-4c to 67-8c.

Brantford, May 27.—At the cheese market to-day there were offered 1,007 May cheese. Sales 352 at 7c.

Perth, May 27.—There were about 500 boxes of white cheese on the market to-day. The price was 63-4c.

R. A. Rogers, manager of the Parsons Produce Co., Winnipeg, was married on Wednesday at Colborne, Ontario, to Miss Edith McTavish, daughter of Donald C. McTavish.

A committee of the senate has reported in favor of the Edmonton route to the Yukon.



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<p>Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lots, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.</p>							
Canned Goods		California Evaporated Fruits		Wooden Ware		Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.	
Apples, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25	Peaches, peeled	18 20	Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 50	Alum, lb	3 1/2
Apples, preserved, 3s, 2 doz.	3 25	Peaches, unpeeled	11 13	Pails, wire hoop	2 25	Alcohol, gal	5 50
Apples, gallons (per doz.)	3 00	Pears	11 13	Pails, Star fibre	4 00	Bleaching Powder, lb	66
Blackberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 25	Apricots, new	10 11	Tubs, No. 0 common	9 50	Bluestone, lb	6 08
Blueberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00	Bitted Plums	11 12	Tubs, No. 1 common	8 50	Bluestone, barrel lots	0 1/2
Beans, 2s, 2 doz.	2 10	Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2	Tubs, No. 2 common	6 50	Borax	11 03
Corn, 2s, 2 doz.	2 10	Prunes, 90 to 100	6 1/2	Tubs, No. 3 common	5 50	Bromide Potash	65 75
Cherries, red, pitted 2s, 2 doz.	4 75	Prunes, 80 to 90	7 7/8	Tubs, No. 4 common	5 00	Camphor	65 75
Peas, Marrowfat, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2	Tubs, No. 5 common	4 50	Camphor, ounces	86
Peas, sifted, 2s, 2 doz.	2 25	Prunes, 60 to 70	8 1/2	Tubs, No. 6 common	4 00	Carbolic Acid	40 65
Pears, Bartlett, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50	Prunes, 50 to 60	10 11	Tubs, No. 7 common	3 50	Castor Oil	15 17
Pears, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	7 50	Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11	Tubs, No. 8 common	3 25	Chlorate Potash	25 30
Pears, Bartlett, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00			Tubs, No. 9 common	3 00	Citric Acid	55 65
Pineapple, 2s, 2 doz.	4 50			Tubs, No. 10 common	2 75	Copperas	63 1/2
Pineapple, imported, 2s, 2 doz.	5 00			Tubs, No. 11 common	2 50	Cocaine, oz	50 5 00
Peaches, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50			Tubs, No. 12 common	2 25	Cream Tartar, lb	30 35
Peaches, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	7 50			Tubs, No. 13 common	2 00	Claves	30 35
Peaches, Canadian, 3s, 2 doz.	5 00			Tubs, No. 14 common	1 75	Epsom Salts	0 3/4
Plums, 2s, 2 doz.	3 50			Tubs, No. 15 common	1 50	Extract Logwood, bulk	14 15
Plums, California, 2 1/2s, 2 doz.	4 50			Tubs, No. 16 common	1 25	Extract Logwood, boxes	15 20
Pumpkins, 3s, 2 doz.	2 25			Tubs, No. 17 common	1 00	Glycerine, lb	35 45
Raspberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00			Tubs, No. 18 common	9 50	Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Strawberries, 2s, 2 doz.	3 00			Tubs, No. 19 common	9 00	Ginger, African	20 25
Tomatoes, 3s, 2 doz.	3 10			Tubs, No. 20 common	8 50	Howard's Quinine	35 45
Salmon, talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50			Tubs, No. 21 common	8 00	Insect Powder	5 00
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 1s, 4 doz.	4 50			Tubs, No. 22 common	7 50	Morphia, sul	2 10
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	6 08			Tubs, No. 23 common	7 25	Opium	50 5 00
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	6 15			Tubs, No. 24 common	7 00	Oil, olive	25 1 40
Sardines, imported, 3/4s	6 15			Tubs, No. 25 common	6 75	Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25
Sardines, imported, 1/2s	6 15			Tubs, No. 26 common	6 50	Oil, lemon, super	2 75
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	6 35			Tubs, No. 27 common	6 25	Oil, peppermint	4 00
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s	6 12			Tubs, No. 28 common	6 00	Oil, cod liver, gal.	50 2 00
				Tubs, No. 29 common	5 75	Oxalic Acid	14 16
				Tubs, No. 30 common	5 50	Potass Iodide	3 75
				Tubs, No. 31 common	5 25	Paris Green, lb	18 20
				Tubs, No. 32 common	5 00	Saltpetre	10 12
				Tubs, No. 33 common	4 75	Sal Rochelle	30 35
				Tubs, No. 34 common	4 50	Shellac	35 40
				Tubs, No. 35 common	4 25	Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2
				Tubs, No. 36 common	4 00	Sulphur Roll, keg	3 1/2
				Tubs, No. 37 common	3 75	Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75
				Tubs, No. 38 common	3 50	Salt Soda	2 00
				Tubs, No. 39 common	3 25	Tartaric Acid, lb	45 55
				Tubs, No. 40 common	3 00	Stychnine, pure crystals, oz.	55 1 00
				Tubs, No. 41 common	2 75		
				Tubs, No. 42 common	2 50		
				Tubs, No. 43 common	2 25		
				Tubs, No. 44 common	2 00		
				Tubs, No. 45 common	1 75		
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				Tubs, No. 47 common	1 25		
				Tubs, No. 48 common	1 00		
				Tubs, No. 49 common	9 50		
				Tubs, No. 50 common	9 00		
				Tubs, No. 51 common	8 50		
				Tubs, No. 52 common	8 25		
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Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.00 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 20 guage, \$3.75; 22 and 24 guage, \$4; 26 guage, \$4.25; 28 guage, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/2 inch, \$7; 2 inch, \$8.50; 2 1/2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.50 lb., broken lots \$7.00.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@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 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6lc; shot, Canadian, chilled, 63c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/4 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFg, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFg, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg. 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$3.00.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.25 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2 @ 6 inch, \$2.45 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount of above list prices 5 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, \$4.00; steel hoes, \$4.25; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 11c base; manilla, lb., 12 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Binder Twine—Sisal S 1/2c; Manilla S 1/2c, Pure Manilla 9 1/2c per lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 65c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.50 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.50.

Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, 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@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2c; less quantities 4c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12 1/2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c, do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2.05 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 57c; boiled, gal., 60c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

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

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 27@30c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 13c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 55c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/2c; crescent, 20c; oleophene, 20 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2 1/2c for cocene and 2 1/2c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at Winnipeg, plus freight to outside points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimen-

sion, \$2.00 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M., 33 to 40 feet, \$30.00, 41 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00 per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.50, 3rd common, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, \$13.00, No. 2 cull, \$9.00; spruce, \$16.50. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under. \$1.00 per M less for 10 ft. No. 1 box, 14 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$23.00. Extra dressing \$2.00 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; Cull siding, red and white, \$16.00; B.C. No. 1 and No. 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32.00. \$2.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

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

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap 8 and 10 inch, \$17.00; do., 6 inch, \$14.00.

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

Lath—Pine lath, No. 1, per M, \$3.00, No. 2, \$2.50.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$50.00; do., over 12 inch, \$55.00; B. C. fir edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45.00; No. 2, \$40.00; B.C. fir, flat grain, No. 1, \$37.00; No. 2 do., \$32.50; B.C. finishing up to 12 in., \$37.50; do., over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, B, \$38.00, selects, C, \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50.00. B.C. fir finishing, \$37.50; do. over 12 inch, \$42.50.

Oak—Red and White—1 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 1/2x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 1x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 1/2 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 inch mould, \$1.50; 2 inch mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 inch mould, \$2.00; 3 inch mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 inch mould, \$2.50; 4 inch mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 inch mould, \$3.00; 5 inch mould, \$3.25; 6 inch mould, \$4.00; 5 inch window stool, 1 1/2 \$4.50; 6 inch window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 inch casings, \$2.25; 5 inch casings, \$2.75; 6 inch casings, \$3.25; 8 inch base, \$4.25; 10 inch base, \$5.00; 12 inch base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.50; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 60c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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INSURANCE

ASSESSMENT INSURANCE.

The Free Press reverts to the question of assessment insurance to explain that its recent article upon this subject was misunderstood by The Commercial. We fancy, however, that many persons who read the article would be inclined to take the same meaning from it that The Commercial did, though we, of course, accept the explanation given. In giving this explanation the Free Press makes a few more remarks about assessment insurance, in which it makes several points which are quite true. The difficulty is, that very few people who go into assessment concerns realize that they are simply securing temporary insurance, instead of making a safe, profitable and permanent investment, as they might do, in a regular line company. The history of assessment insurance shows plainly that the members will not stay with the associations when the inevitable advance in assessments must be made, owing to the increasing cost of insurance with increasing age. One collapse after another, including the sudden breaking up of some of the apparently most prosperous assessment concerns, tells the tale. If the Free Press will use some of its valuable space occasionally to show its readers what assessment insurance really is, it will be doing them a good service.

The Free Press still argues in favor of the "regulation of assessment insurance, with a view of preventing disappointment to the people who accept it." The only way to prevent this disappointment would be to compel the assessment associations to charge a rate high enough to provide a sufficient reserve to serve as a guarantee against an increase in the rates. This, as The Commercial said last week, simply places the assessment concerns on a level with the regular line companies, and the distinction between the two systems would practically disappear. The Free Press does not appear to fully realize this situation.

Financial Notes.

A branch of the Bank of Ottawa has been opened at Bracebridge, Ont.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings bank, Winnipeg, for the month ending May 31, were as follows. Deposits, \$17,197; withdrawals, \$31,605.69; withdrawals exceeding deposits by \$14,408.69.

Letters patent of incorporation have been issued to the Security Loan Company of Winnipeg. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000. The directors are W. H. Pambrun, S. A. D. Bertrand, R. C. Macdonald, L. Verhoven and J. A. Green.

Grocery Trade Notes.

European cable advices continue to report a strong market for rice and quote slightly higher prices.

A cable from London reports an advance of 6d per cwt on all packs of Persian dates.

Cigar dealers say Havana and all other Cuban made cigars will soon be

entirely out of the market as a result of the war unless it comes to a speedy termination.

A Toronto report says: The market for Japan teas opened a few weeks ago at prices about 10 to 15 per cent higher than last year. Since then there has been a decline, although values are still above those of 1897—on fine teas about 5 per cent and on medium teas 10 per cent. A private letter received in Toronto this week states that Japan tea, which last year cost 18c, cannot now be bought at less than 20c. New season's Japan teas suitable for the Canadian market will not arrive in quantities till about the middle of July. That which will be here in a week or two will be only small parcels of fine tea for each of the wholesale houses.

Trade Reciprocity.

New York, June 1.—At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Merchants' Association to-day, resolutions were adopted as follows: "Whereas the trade relations existing between the United States and Canada and the crown colony of Newfoundland are now the subject of discussion for readjustment between the officials of the respective governments of these countries and provinces, and, whereas, it is desirable that these relations be placed upon a basis of mutual interchange of traffic under closer and more harmonious relations; and, whereas, the tendency of the time is toward the establishment of such relations for mutual advantage;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the officers of this association request the president of the United States and proper officials of the state department, having this subject under consideration, to do all in their power to forward the readjustment of the commercial relations between the countries above mentioned; and, be it further resolved, that it is the aim of the officers and directors of this association to do all within their power to further the object in view."

Copies of the resolutions will be sent to President McKinley, Secretary Day and the officials of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland. The Boston chamber of commerce recently passed similar resolutions.

Western Business Items.

E. Spronl is opening a confectionery store at Arden, Man.

H. C. Banister, late of the Dufferin hotel, Carberry, Man., is dead.

R. A. Mather, of the Keewatin Lumber Co., was in Winnipeg yesterday.

Part of the Dysen-Gibson spice factory, Winnipeg, was burned Friday night.

Mr. Murchy, dealer, Arden, Man., has erected a building 20x10, which he will stock with furniture.

Mr. Walker, manager of the Manitoba Grain Company, Winnipeg, has severed his connection with the company.

C. Wagner and E. E. Brechley, of Vancouver, B. C., have formed a partnership and opened in the hardware trade at that place.

At Newdale, Man., the Ray house has been purchased by Edward Cassidy. At the same place Mr. Greenwood has erected a building for a harness shop, and Fanning & Hopper

are erecting a building for a hardware store.

W. Grummett, of Rapid City, Man., has disposed of his livery business to W. Dick, of Moline, and J. Manley, of Newdale.

The Hudson's Bay Company have closed their west store at Prince Albert, Sask., and will concentrate their Prince Albert business at their east end stores.

Geo. Foerester has bought out his brother John's interest in the hardware business carried on at Neepawa, Man., under the firm name of J. & G. L. Foerester.

An application has been made at Ottawa for an extension of time to complete the Great Northwest Central railroad of Manitoba. This probably means that the road will not be extended westward this year.

Gagon Island, a mining proposition in the Rat Portage district, has changed hands at \$75,000, according to a report current at Rat Portage. The property was controlled by Ottawa people, and has gone to English capital.

The shipment of cattle to the Yukon country may be overdone. Several parties are shipping there from Pacific coast, and United States points as well as from Canada. Burchell & Howie, of Bramton, are shipping in cattle by the Stikine route.

Large orders were placed in Winnipeg this week for supplies for railway contractors, including supplies for Foley Bros., who have been given the contract by the Canadian Pacific railroad for the railway from Robson to Midway, in British Columbia.

Customs Collections.

The subjoined statement shows the customs collections at this port during May, compared with the collections for the corresponding period of last year:

	1897.	1898.
Exported	\$ 99,302	\$172,582
Entered for consumption—Dutiable	148,736	394,975
Entered for consumption—Free... ..	70,462	145,272
Total	\$219,198	\$412,829
Duty collected ...	\$43,386.28	\$78,830.87

Hon. C. B. Buckman, says the Rat Portage Miner, has purchased the steamer Chieftian, and an interest in the Beaver Mills saw mill on Rainy river, and will open an office and lumber yard at Rat Portage.

The Canadian Pacific telegraphs announce a reduction in telegraph tolls from Winnipeg and Manitoba points to coast points from one dollar, day rate, to seventy-five cents and from seventy-five cents, night rate, to sixty cents, a very substantial reduction.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, June 4.

Business with the jobbing houses continues good in hardware, paints, building materials, etc. The grocery trade has been moderately active. Grain trade is now very dull. Nearly everything in grain has been disposed of, and only a few car lots are available for business transactions, as they come in from the country. There is a decidedly noticeable improvement in the demand for farm lands in the Winnipeg district, and this applies practically to all parts of the province. The amount of railway building going on throughout Manitoba, adds materially to the business activity. Crop reports are somewhat irregular. There has been considerable rain this week, sufficient to remove any immediate fear of drouth in some districts, but other sections had very little rain. Hay crop promises poor. The output of dairy goods has been curtailed on account of the dry season and late growth of grass.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, June 4
BINDER TWINE.

The situation in binder twine at present is one of waiting. Those who did not purchase early, before the big advances, are not buying at all. They could not buy now and sell to compete with those who bought early, and consequently no doubt some who are in this position will prefer not to handle twine at all. The accidental omission of one word in our report on twine last week gave it quite a different meaning from what we had intended to say. We wrote: "Some dealers are completely sold out," but it appeared "dealers are completely sold out," the error of the printer making it appear that all dealers were sold out. Those who bought early have a fine chance to make big money on their holdings, but we learn that many retail dealers are not taking advantage of the advance, and are selling to consumers at the usual margin of profit. Consumers are therefore getting the twine at about or even less than the present wholesale price. It is simply impossible to tell what may be the outcome of the twine situation before the season is over, as so much depends upon the outcome of the crop. A very heavy crop would vastly increase the consumption of twine, while a light crop would greatly reduce the expected demand. With a fair average crop there will likely be a decidedly stronger market before the season is closed.

FISH.

The first Lake Winnipeg fresh caught whitefish came in yesterday, and hereafter the supply of this variety will no doubt be continuous. Prices are the same for all sorts, as reported on another page.

GREEN FRUITS.

The market was practically bare of bananas all the week up to yesterday. Those that were in were on the soft

side and hardly fit to reship. Apricots are now beginning to arrive. Strawberries were scarce this week, and good fruit was selling 50c higher. Some are too soft to re-ship. Cherries are 25c lower, other varieties steady. Prices are: Navel oranges, \$3.75 to \$4; California Mediterranean sweets, \$3.75 to \$4 a box; seedling oranges, \$2.75 to \$3; bananas, bunch \$2 to \$2.50 as to size; Messina lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per box, as to quality; apples, \$4 to \$5.50 per barrel for best sorts, as to quality; off quality, \$2 to \$3.50 per barrel, as to condition; pineapples, \$3 to \$3.50 per dozen, as to size and quality; pineapple 2c; strawberries, \$1.50 per case; of twenty-four quarts; tomatoes \$3.75 to \$4 per crate of six baskets; California cherries, \$1.50 per ten pound gross box; apricots, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; coconuts, \$1 per dozen; Shelly filberts, large 11c to 12c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; figs, elemes, 10 lb boxes, \$1.25 to \$1.40, as to quality; 50 lb boxes, 17c per lb; dates, 6 1-2 to 7c per lb; Tarragona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 9c; peanuts, roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; strained honey, 7 1-2 to 10c per lb; maple sugar 11 to 12c; syrup per dozen 1-2 gallon tins, \$7; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; Egyptian onions, 4 to 4 1-2c per lb.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

There are no changes to report in local prices this week. Rope holds firm at the recent sharp advances, and it is still believed that further advances will come soon. In fact there is no telling where the market may go to on this article. Business is good. Large stocks of imported goods are coming to hand. One firm alone has 30 carloads of glass received here and in transit. Quotations are the same as given last week.

LUMBER.

Local lumber prices are irregular. The advance at the mills is being held firm, but prices asked by dealers in Winnipeg are uncertain. Some dealers are trying to get the advance, but no concerted action has been taken yet to establish a new list at the advance.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—We refer to the weak ending of the May wheat corner in another column. The collapse of prices the last day of the month was followed by a further sharp decline on Wednesday, but the markets recovered some on Thursday and made a further gain on Friday. While it is always a risky thing to speculate as to the future of wheat, the realization of the present crop prospects in Europe and America will no doubt make lower prices later on, though prices may be fairly well maintained for some little time. New wheat, however, will soon be moving in the southwest. In fact new wheat has already been marketed in the extreme south.

The local market has been very dull, owing as much to lack of supplies to operate in as to indisposition to do business. So far as Manitoba wheat is concerned, business is practically over on the last crop. There is very little visible wheat not sold for shipment, and very little left to come from the country.

There was nothing doing on Monday in consequence of the holiday in United States markets. On Tuesday there were sales here at \$1.25 in store Fort

William, and on Wednesday there was a further drop to \$1.20. On Thursday business was done at \$1.18 in the morning, but at the close of the day \$1.19 was quoted. On Friday morning a sale of 15,000 bushels was reported at \$1.19, but in the afternoon the feeling was firmer and \$1.20 was quoted, for No. 1 hard, in store Fort William.

The shipments of wheat from the Fort William elevators last week were larger, amounting to 500,000 bushels. The receipts were 180,000, and the amount in store 631,000 bushels.

FLOUR—The market has been steady this week and prices are unchanged. We quote patent \$3.30; best bakers, \$3.10; second bakers \$2.75, and XXXX \$1.70 per sack of 98 lbs; 5c discount from these prices net cash.

MILLFEED—There is a good demand for millfeed. Shorts is very scarce, the demand being excess of the supply. Bran is in good demand. We quote bran at \$12.00 and shorts \$14.00 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Grain feed is quoted at \$27 to \$30 per ton as to quality, but the market is practically bare of supplies. Ground corn is held at \$19 to \$20 per ton.

OATMEAL—The market is unchanged. We quote rolled \$2.20 to \$2.25 per sack.

CORN—Corn is easier south and at quotations yesterday it could be laid down here at about 42 to 43c per bushel of 56 pounds, a further decline of 2c.

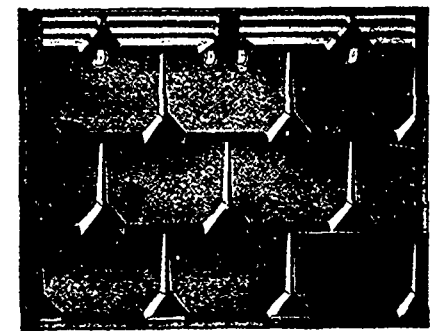
BARLEY—Absolutely none offered. Nominal at 45 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.

OATS—Oats are held at about import values. There has been some figuring on bringing in oats from the south or east, but holders here will no doubt keep the price just low enough to keep out importing supplies, while at the same time they will demand as near the import value as

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they dare go. We quote cars on track here at 47 to 48c per bushel of 34 pounds. With the drop in prices south this week, Minneapolis oats could be laid down here, duty paid, at under local prices.

BUTTER, creamery—The output of the creameries has increased considerably, and offerings are considerably more liberal. The feeling is decidedly easier, owing to the low prices in Eastern Canada markets and the declining tendency in British Columbia markets, owing to the liberal offerings there of Eastern goods. Altogether the outlook is not very bright at the moment for butter, as will be seen by our telegraphic reports this week from Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, etc. We quote 16 to 17c paid to factories this week for May goods, as to quality. A fraction higher than 17c was paid early in the week, but the tendency at the close was decidedly easier and it looks as though the limit might be dropped to 16c soon. Dealers say they ought to be able to buy at this price to compete in British Columbia markets with eastern goods.

BUTTER, dairy—The quantity received is increasing, but there has been no accumulation yet. While a little dairy butter has been shipped west the bulk is still taken by the local trade. The quality of Manitoba dairy has vastly improved during the past year or two, and the local trade takes dairy almost entirely in preference to creamery, difference in price of course being an object. We quote good to choice fresh dairy selling here at 15c to 17c as to quality and quantity, the usual range being 15 to 16c. Medium 12 to 14c. Prices less freight and commission.

CHEESE—From 8 to 8 1/2c has been paid to factories, usually 8c for large and 8 1/2c for small sizes. The tendency is lower. Make light yet.

EGGS—The market is firm. From 10 to 10 1/2c has been paid by shippers and packers for receipts, and we hear that even up to 11c was paid in some cases. The market closes firm. Shippers have been sending eggs through from the east for the British Columbia trade, the Manitoba surplus not being sufficient to meet the full western demand. Eastern markets are 1-2c lower this week.

DRESSED MEATS—The market keeps firm for all kinds of fresh meats. We quote dressed hogs at 7 to 7 1/2c. Beef is quoted at 6 3/4c to 7 1/4c for city dressed. Some choicest beef has brought 7 1/2c. Mutton, 8 to 10c, as to quality. Veal, 7 to 9c, as to quality. Retail butchers are complaining seriously that there is no money at present prices, as they cannot secure advances to cover the higher wholesale prices.

DRESSED POULTRY—Good chickens will bring 60c to 70c per pair live, and turkeys 10c to 11c per pound live weight or 15c dressed.

CURED MEATS AND LARD—See quotations on another page.

VEGETABLES—Native rhubarb is now offering freely at 15c per dozen bunches or about 1 1/2c per lb. Prices are: Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel, onions, imported Egyptian, 4 to 4 1/2c; cabbage, 2c per lb.; new cabbage 3c per lb.; beets 40c to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c. Green stuffs is offering at 15c for onions and 25c for lettuce and radishes, per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 1 1/2c per lb.; asparagus, 40c per doz. bunches; spinach, 5c lb.

HIDES—The market is firmer, and higher prices have been paid this week in some cases, though the market was irregular. We heard of lots having been bought at equal to about 7 1/2c here, and while this price was not generally quoted, it was certainly paid in some cases. The hide market is generally firm and the demand good. Our telegraphic reports quoted last week at 1-2c advance at Toronto. The bill at Ottawa to make the inspection of hides compulsory, has been dropped for the present. We quote green hides, No. 1, 7 to 7 1/2c; kip, 6 to 7 1/2c; calf 7 to 9c; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts, 50 to 85c as to size and quantity of wool; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—A little wool is beginning to come in. The market is weak. Our telegraphic reports last Saturday, as published last week in The Commercial, showed a decline of 1-2c to 1c in Eastern Canada markets. Here 8 1/2 to 9c has been paid for unwashed fleece, the outside price for nice clean, bright lots, and down to 7c for coarse dirty lots. Dealers however, are not at all hopeful as to the outlook, and they say that local prices are too high compared with other markets and will have to come down. While 9c has been paid here for most of the wool so far handled, 5 per cent has been taken off a good deal of it for shrinkage, making it really equal to about 8 1/2c gross weight.

TALLOW—No. 1, 3 1/2c; No. 2, 2 1/2 to 3c.

SENECA ROOT—Buyers are offering 10 to 12 1/2c and are indifferent purchasers. They say they would rather not see any root crop gathered this year, in order to permit of a reduction in accumulated supplies from previous years.

HAY—Though the demand is limited prices rule high owing to the great scarcity, and we quote \$12 to \$13 per ton for baled hay here, for ear lots. The indications point to another short hay crop.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The market is, if anything a little easier for cattle. Offerings are abundant for the local demand and little or no shipping is being done, as export business cannot be done at a profit, and the western British Columbia demand has now fallen off. The cattle being used for the local market are practically export cattle. Some very choice cattle sold for the local trade at 4 1/4c. No common or medium cattle are offering. Shipments of stockers to the western ranges are being made freely. We quote 4 to 4 1/4c for cattle here.

SHEEP—The market is firm. It is expected that some western range sheep will be fit for marketing in about three weeks. We quote 4 3/4 to 5c for sheep off cars here as to quality. One load was reported sold at 5c off cars here.

HOGS—The market is firm at prices quoted last week. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs., at 5 1/4c per lb; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.50 to \$5.00; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3.25 to \$4.25, as to quality. Live weight.

COWS—Milking cows are in good demand, and good cows will bring \$35 each. Poor cows and small helpers selling at \$18 upward as to quality.

The Dyson-Gibson Co., Winnipeg, have secured authority to increase their capital stock from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour has declined \$1.25 per barrel. Bran and shorts are \$1 per ton lower. Corn 3 1/2c lower. Oats 2 1/2c lower. Barley 5c lower. Eggs 1-2c lower. Hay 50c higher. Prices compared with a week ago:

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$5.75 to \$5.95; second patents, \$5.60 to \$5.70.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.25; bran in bulk, \$9 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$13 to \$15 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 31 1/4c for No. 3. Oats—Oats held at 25 3/4c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 32c.

Flax seed—\$1.16 1/2 per bushel.

Eggs—9c for strictly fresh including cases; seconds, 7 to 7 1/2c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 9 1/2c; fair to good 7 to 7 1/2c.

Butter—Creamery, 14 to 15 1/2c; seconds, 12 1/2 to 13c; dairy, 12 to 13 1/2c for good to choice; seconds, 9 to 10c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4c to 7c; lambs, 5 to 8 1/2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1/4c; for heavy and 4 1/2c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 35 to 37c; named varieties, 35 to 60c.

Poultry—Chicken, 4c to 8c; turkeys, 8c; ducks, 7 1/2c; geese, 7c, all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 7 3/4 for No. 1, 6 3/4 for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1/2 to 6 3/4; sheepskins 40 to 80c each; veal calf 8 1/2 to 9 1/2c; tallow, 2 1/4c to 3 1/4c; seneca root, 19 to 21c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 11c; medium, 12 to 13c; coarse, 14 to 15c. Hay—\$7.50 to \$10 per ton, including timothy.

Cattle—Sales: 5 cows, av 1,140, \$3.30; 2 av 795, \$3.10; 3 cows, av 923, \$3.90; 15 stockers, 290, \$5; 5 av 640, \$4.25; 11 heifers, av 344, \$3.65; 20, av 437, \$3.72 1/2; 4 bulls, av 795, \$3.50; 2, av 435, \$4; 3 calves, av 146, \$5.25; 4 av 147, \$5.

Hogs—Sales: 25 hogs, av 185 lbs., \$4.20; 26 hogs, av 201 lbs., \$3.80; 59, av 225, \$4.15.

British Cattle Markets.

London, May 30.—The market for Canadian cattle was weak again today, and prices declined 3-4c, since this day week, choice selling at 10 1/4c. United States cattle ruled steady, choice selling at 11c.

Liverpool, May 30.—Trade in cattle was poor, owing to excessive supplies, and prices declined 1-4c to 1-2c. Sheep declined 1c. Canadian cattle sold at 10c to 10 1/2c. Argentine at 9c and Argentine sheep at 9c.

Winnipeg Inland Revenue Returns.

The inland revenue collections in the Winnipeg district during the month of May were as follows:

Spirits	\$18,224.44
Malt	2,760.67
Tobacco	14,179.38
Raw leaf tobacco	119.20
Olgars	1,698.90
Methylated spirits	211.94
Petroleum insp. fees	84.98

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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, June 4, 1898.

Butter is lower. Ontario butter is offering freely. Eggs have dropped 2@3c. Potatoes are lower. Fresh meats are lower, and sheep and cattle have made a further decline of 1c from the outside price. Green fruits are lower.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 21 @ 22c; local creamery 25c; Eastern dairy 16@17c
Eggs—Local, 20c; Eastern eggs 15c.
Cheese—Manitoba 11@12c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12½@13c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 11½c per lb, in pails and tubs 11c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 16c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; kippered herring 8c; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes 8@12 per ton, ashcroft \$16.00; California onion, 1½c; cabbage 2½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton; New Potatoes, \$2.75.

Green Fruits—California lemons 2.25@2.75 box; Navel oranges, 3.25 @ \$3.50; seedling oranges, 1.50@2.25; bananas, bunch \$2.75; California cherries, \$1.25 box; strawberries, \$2.25 per crate; apricots, \$1.75.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.05; 2 45 pounds sacks \$3.10; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.30; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50
Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.
Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.75 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$7.50; strong bakers \$7.25; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.50.

Grain—Oats, \$30.00 per ton, wheat 28 @ \$30 per ton, barley, 27 @ \$30 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$21 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.
Hay—\$17 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 9c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 9c; pork 9@10c; veal 10c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$5.00 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.50 per 100 lbs; cows, 4.50 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$3.60 dozen; fowl, \$6.00 dozen.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 7½@9c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; pecanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo, Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, June 4

Pig Iron—\$15.50.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.45@1.55; hoop and band iron, \$1.85 for Canadian and \$2 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3½c; 18@24, \$3.87½c; 26, 4½c and 28 at 4c.

Lead—Pig, 4½@4½c; sheet, 4½@4½c per lb; shot, can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1 ¼ in., \$2.80; 1 ½ in., \$2.75.

Zinc—Sheet, 5½c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c; solder 11½c@12½.

Ingot Copper—12½c@13 per lb.
Ingot Tin—17½@17½c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "Alaska," \$3.00.

Tinplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x 20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20 x 28; charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ to ¾ inch, 1.87 to \$2.00; 1 inch, 2.15@2.20; 1 ¼ inch, \$2.62½; 1 inch, \$3.60; 1 ½ inch, \$4.75; 1 ¾ inch, \$6.20; 2 inch, \$8.30. Galvanized, 1 inch, \$3.50; 1 ¼ inch, 4.60 to \$4.80; 1 inch, 6.40@6.70; 1 ½ inch, 8.25 to \$9.20; 1 ¾ inch, 11.25@11.80; 2 inch, 15.20@16.00.

Barb Wire—\$2, terms 30 days or 2 per cent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent.; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75@1.90 for delivery in Toronto, Montreal and London; terms, four months or 3 per cent off for cash 30 days.

Cut Nails—\$1.80@1.85 base price Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25@3.35 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 57½c and 10; round head bright, 80 and 10; flat head brass, 82½ and 10; round head brass, 75 and 10 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ½@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent, all sizes; copper rivets, 50 and 10.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.45, and in 100-foot boxes, \$2.75; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 45 and 2½ per cent.

Harvest Tools—Discounts 60, 10 and 5 per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c; ¾ in., 10½c; 1 and 5-16 in., 10½c; 3-16 inch, 11½c; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 11c; ¾, 11½c; 1 and 5-16, 12c; 3-16, 12½c.

Binder Twine—Pure Manila, 6½c@6½.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, June 4.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4½c; No. 2 granulated, 4 7-16c; Dutch granulated, 4 7-16@4½c; yellows, 3 15-16 @4½c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 25c@30c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 23c@30; for medium and 35c@50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c@17c per lb; mediums, 18c@24c; fines, 30@35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22c@25c, and fines, 40c@55c; Oolong, 25c@65c; Ceylons, 17@45c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@12c; Mocha, 26c@30c; Java, 25c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20@1.25; peas, 90c@1; sifted peas, 1.05@1.20; corn, 90@95c; beans, 75@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40@1.65; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, 95c@1; sock-eyes, \$1.17@1.30; mackerel, \$1.30@1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1 60@1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40@2.65; flats, \$2.90@3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 1½c@5c, fine, off-stalk, 5½c@5½c; selected, 6@6½c, layers, 6½@7c; Provincial, currants, 6½@6½c; Filiatras, 6½@7c; Patras, 7c@7½c; Vostizzas, 8c@8½c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9½c@14c; pears, 9c@10c; peaches, 10c@14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 9c@10c; 50's to 60's, 7½c@8½c; 60's to 70's, 8c@8½c; 70's to 80's, 7½c@8c; 80's to 90's, 7c@7½c; 90's to 100's, 6½@7c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 9c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @15c per lb; citron, 18c@20c; lemon 11c @14c. Hallowee dates, 4½@5c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30@1.50 per box; black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Natural in bags, 4@5c. Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7½c, 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6-crown, 12½c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4½c; 4 lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Nuts—Marbols, 10@11c; filberts, Sicily, 9@11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 11@12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do Patna, 5½ @6c; do Japan, 6@6½c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochim, 15@20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@18c; Amboy, 18@25c; allspice, 16c; nutmegs, 50c@1; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, 15 @23c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$17.00 for Canada mess; short cut, \$17@17.50; clear mess, \$15.50

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8½c, ton and case lots, 8½c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11@11½c; hams, large 10@11c and 11c for medium; picnic hams, 8½@9c; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 7½c; tubs, 8½c; pails, 8½@8½c.

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New York Wheat.

New York, May 31.—Wheat, May opened \$1.16, closed \$1.17. July opened \$1.11 1-4c, closed \$1.07. Sept. opened 87 3-8c, closed 86 1-4c. Dec. 81c, closed 84c.

New York, June 1.—Wheat receipts, 266,400 bushels; exports, 984,428 bushels; sales, 4,195,000 bushels. Options opened irregular, but fairly steady on better cables than expected. Subsequent events, however, were weak and demoralized under heavy long and short selling. The close was at 6 7-8c decline on July, and 2c to 2 1-2c decline in other options. July, \$1.00 1-8 to \$1.00, closed \$1.00 1-8; Sept., 83 3-16c to 87c, closed 83 3-1c; Dec., 81 1-2c to 81 1-2c, closed 82c.

New York, June 2.—Wheat receipts, 340,400 bushels; exports, 81,890 bushels. Options opened very weak and experienced a pronounced decline in July, under liquidation and weak cables. Active covering later ensued with a final sharp bulge, which left July only 2 1-4c net lower, and other months unchanged to 1-4c net higher. July, 93c to 98c, closed 97 3-1c; Sept., 82 1-4c to 84 1-8c, closed 84c; Dec., 80 3-8c, closed 82c.

New York, June 3.—Wheat — Receipts 528,175 bushels, exports 305,358 bushels. Options were generally strong from start to finish. Urgent covering stimulated by adverse home and foreign crop news and smaller western receipts was the feature all day; closed 1 5-8c to 3 5-8c net higher. No 2 red July 98 1-2c to \$1.01 1-2, closed \$1.01 3-8; Sept. \$1 1-8c to \$1 1-2, closed \$1 3-8c; Dec. \$2 3-8c to \$3 11-16, closed \$3 3-1c.

On Saturday, June 4, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.02 1-4 for July option, 85c for September, and 82 5-8c for December. A week ago July wheat closed at \$1.09 1-8.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, May 31.—Wheat, May opened \$1.40, closed \$1.25. July opened \$1.02, closed 97 1-2c. Sept. opened 82c, closed 81 1-8c. Dec. 79 1-4c. Corn, May opened 33 1-2c, closed 33 1-2c. July opened 32 1-2c, closed 33 5-8c. Sept. opened 33 3-8c, closed 34 1-2c. Oats, July 23 7-8c, closed 24 3-8c. Sept. opened 21 5-8c, closed 22 1-8c. Ribs, May \$5.92, July \$5.92. Pork, May \$11.45, July \$11.50. Lard, May \$6.22, July \$6.22.

Chicago, June 1.—The magnificent prospects for the growing crop, the movement of new wheat from Texas, the lower cables, all caused a sharp decline in the wheat pit to-day. July closed with a loss of 5 3-4c to 6c; Sept., 2 5-8c. Corn is 5-8c and oats 1-8c lower. Pork is down 32 1-2. Lard, 10 to 12 1-2, and ribs, 10.

The leading futures closed as follows:—

Wheat—June, \$1.08; July, 91 3-4c to 92c; Sept., 78 1-2c to 78 5-8; Dec., 77 1-4c.
Oats—July, 24 1-4c; Sept., 21 3-4c to 21 7-8c.
Mess pork—July, \$11.11 1-2; Sept., \$11.50.
Lard—July, \$6.10; Sept., \$6.20.
Short ribs—July, \$5.82 1-2; Sept., \$5.30.

Chicago, June 2.—The leading futures closed as follows:—
Wheat—June, \$1.09; July, 91 3-4c to 92c; Sept., 79c; Dec., 77 5-8c.
Corn—June, 32 5-8c; July, 33c to 3-8c; Sept., 34 1-4c.
Mess pork—July, \$10.87 1-2; Sept., \$11.02 1-2.
Lard—July, \$6.10; Sept., \$6.20.
Short ribs—July, \$5.77 1-2; Sept., \$5.87 1-2.
Oats—July, 24 3-8c; Sept., 21 7-8c.

Chicago, June 3. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—June \$1.12 1-2, July 91, Sept 80 1-2 to 80 5-8, Dec. 79.
Corn—June 32 1-2, July 33 1-8 to 33 1-4, Sept. 34 7-8.
Oats—July 24 3-8, Sept. 21 3-4.
Mess pork—July \$10.95, Sept. \$11.10.
Lard—July \$6.17 1-2, Sept. \$6.27 1-2.
Short ribs—July \$5.82 1-2, Sept. \$5.90.

On Saturday, June 4, July wheat opened at 93 1-2 to 94c, and ranged from 93 1-2 to 94 1-2c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—June, \$1.12; July, 92 3-4c; Sept., 78 5-8c; Dec., 77 1-4c.
Corn—June, 32c; July, 32 5-8c.
Oats—June, 25 1-2c; July, 24 1-8c.
Pork—July, \$10.67 1-2; Sept., \$10.87 1-2.
Lard—July, \$6.05; Sept., \$6.15.
Ribs—July, \$5.75; Sept., \$5.82 1-2.
Flax seed—Cash—\$1.21 1-2; Sept., \$1.11 1-2.

A week ago July option closed at \$1.03 1-2. A year ago July wheat closed at 66 7-8c, two years ago at 61 7-8c three years ago at \$1 3-1c, and four years ago at 60 5-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, June 4, No. 1 northern wheat closed at \$1.33 for June option, \$1.33, for July, and 79 3-4c for September. A week ago July wheat closed at \$1.41 1-2.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, June 3.—Money on call steady at 11-4 to 11-2 per cent, last loan 11-4 per cent; prime mercantile paper 3 to 4 per cent; sterling exchange firm at \$4.86 1-4 to 1-2 for demand and at \$1.84 1-4 to 1-2 for sixty days; posted rates \$1.85 and \$4.87, commercial bills \$4.83 to 14, silver certificates 59 3-4 to 60 7-8; bar silver 59 5-8; Mexican dollars 45 1-2, government bonds strong.

LONDON MONEY.

London, June 3.—Consols for money 111 5-16, for the account 111 1-2, bar silver 27 1-2d; money 1 to 1 1-2 per cent; rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills 1 13-16 to 1 7-8 per cent.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, June 3. — Commercial cable 170; C. P. R. London 87 3-8.

DAIRY QUOTATIONS.

Montreal, June 3.—Reported by A. W. Grant—Cheese—Dull, very little demand, 6 5-8 to 7 1-4c.
Butter—Creamery, steady and fair demand, 15 to 16 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, June 3.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 1 red northern spring 9s 10d. Corn—Spot quiet. Peas—Canadian 5s 7d.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, June 3.—The stock market opened strong. Opening prices: Sugar 142 3-4; Tobacco 109 1-2; General Electric 37 1-4; People's Gas 102 3-4; Burlington 105 5-8; St. Paul 101 1-2; Rock Island 107 1-8; Louisville 56 5-8; W. U. 92 5-8; Leather preferred 67; Southern preferred 32 1-8; Manhattan 105; Missouri Pacific 35 7-8; New Jersey Central 97c.

Mr. Wilson, of Mullins & Wilson, cattle exporters, Winnipeg, has purchased 400 to 500 head of choice cattle in the Yorkton district, for August shipment.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The feeling is firmer. It is reported that \$1 21 was made late yesterday afternoon, and to-day \$1.22 is quoted, which is about export value.

FULL TIR WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Holiday.
Tuesday—July \$1.30, Sept. 82c.
Wednesday—July \$1.22, Sept. 78 5-8c.
Thursday—July \$1.26 1-2, Sept. 80 5-8c.
Friday—Cash \$1.28, July \$1.28, Sept. 82 3-8c.
Saturday—July \$1.32, Sept. 80 7-8c.
Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at \$1.31, and cash No. 1 northern at \$1.31.
Last week July option closed at \$1.42.

A year ago July option closed at 69 1-4c, and two years ago at 62c, three years ago at 82 5-8c, four years ago at 60 3-4c and five years ago at 63c.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

N. A. McPherson, tailor, Ashcroft, is adding men's furnishings.
J. C. Douglas, wholesale liquors, Grand Forks, is out of business.
J. S. Smith, grocer, Grand Forks, has sold out.
Dill & Hamilton, hardware, Kaslo, have dissolved.
Trombley & Shank, hotel, Kaskanook, have dissolved.
Gould & Doty, general store, Kuskanook, have dissolved.
Geo. D Scott & Co., are opening in dry goods at Nanaimo.
J. E. Clark, has opened a harness shop at Rossland.
Tilton Bros., butchers, Steveston, have sold out to C. Weber.
Steves & Co., have opened in groceries at Steveston.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: A. Wagner & Co. have opened in hardware. Bissell & Co., manufacturing jewellers, have opened business. Geo. L. Meek, hardware, has sold out to McTaggart & Moscrop. Thos. McInyre has opened a harness shop. Geo. Elkins has opened in groceries.

Wood & Orr, tinware, etc., Victoria, are succeeded by S. C. Wood.
C. W. Smith is starting a general store at Ymir.

ALBERTA.

J. J. Scott, late school teacher at Bressaylor, is opening a confectionery store at the Athabasca Landing.
C. N. Tubman, South Edmonton, is adding crockery to his business.

GRAIN AND MILLING.

The Dominion government supplementary estimates contain an item of \$75,000 to build an elevator at Halifax, on the Intercolonial railway.

A grain blockade is reported at Montreal, owing to lack of sufficient elevator space as well as shipping space for the present movement. This has reacted on the Georgian Bay elevators, which are overcrowded with grain, in transit from Chicago and other points to Montreal for export.

J. A. McLennan, superintendent of the wheat buying department of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, is dead.

The annual statement of the Canada Life has been published in very handsome pamphlet form.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, June 4.
Turpentine is lower and easy at the decline. Ropes very firm and further advance expected. Cement active. Hardware and paints steady.

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c. red lead in kegs, 13-4c. linseed oil raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; turpentine, 47c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4-14 to 4-1c; lead \$3.75 to \$4. iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4. putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80, ingot tin, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2. Cement, English brands, \$2.25 to \$2.35, Germany, \$2.30 to \$2.45, and Belgium, \$1.80 to \$2 per barrel, ex-wharf.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, June 4.
Canned vegetables are quiet and easy. Tomatoes are 5 to 10c lower, and corn and peas 5c lower.

Sugar unchanged, fairly firm. Molasses very firm, and stocks light. Dried fruits active and firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 41-2c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 43-16c; yellows, 35-8 to 41-8c; molasses 30 to 31; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2 as to quality. Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia buyers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-1c, B., 33-4c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.15 to \$1.20; corn, 80 to 90c; peas, 85 to 95c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 31.
Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 150 cattle, 200 sheep and lambs, and 500 calves. At the Grand Trunk yards 300 cattle and 600 hogs. Choice heaves sold at 41-4 to 41-2c; good at 33-1c to 4c; fair at 3 to 31-2c; and common at 2 1-4 to 23-4c per lb. Sheep ruled steady at 33-4 to 4c for good to choice and at 31-4 to 31-2c for common to fair. Lambs \$2.50 to \$3.75 each. Hogs were all taken at \$5 to \$5.10. The export of live stock from the port of Montreal for the month of May show a decrease of 2,896 head of cattle and 2,672 sheep as compared with the same month last year. Rates to Liverpool are quoted at 12s 6d; London, 30s to 35s; Glasgow, 45s; and Bristol, 35s.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, June 3.
At the semi-weekly market yesterday the market was quiet and prices unchanged. Shipments for export this week were: Cattle, 2,370 head; horses, 119. Offerings yesterday were 400 cattle, 1,000 calves, 350 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Choice, 43-8 to 41-2c; good, 33-4 to 41-1c.

Sheep—Shippers, 31-2 to 4c; culls, 3c. Spring lambs, \$2.25 to \$4 each. Hogs—\$5 to \$5.10 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, June 4.
Oats are 2c lower than a week ago, with sales at 36c afloat. Flour quiet.

Millfeed is in good demand. Oatmeal quiet and easy. Eggs 1-2c lower. Hides up 1c. Butter quiet. Export demand slow, but there is a good local demand. Cheese is quiet and cable advices report the British market dull and weak. The burning of the western abattoir destroyed a considerable stock of beef, which increased the local demand this week for choice cattle to replace stock, which was prime beef. Cable offers on flour are considerably lower.

Oats—36c per bushel for No. 2 white delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.50, Manitoba patents, \$6.90.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton; shorts, \$6.90 to \$7.10.

\$16, including sacks. Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$2.10 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 9c; calfskins 10c; sheepskins \$1; tallow 3 to 3 1-1c.

Eggs—Fresh, 9 to 9 1-2c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy 14 to 15c.

Butter—Creamery 16 to 16 1-4c.

Cheese—7 to 7 1-8c.

Potatoes—75c per bag.

Maple syrup—Barrels, 43-4 to 5c lb.

tins, 4. to 50c; in wood, 41-2 to 5c lb.; sugar 6 to 6 1-4c.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.
Toronto, June 4.

Dry goods—Hot weather has increased the demand for summer dry goods. Light dress goods are meeting with a big demand. Sales of fall goods are increasing. Orders for foreign lines could not be repeated except at an advance of about ten per cent. Canadian manufacturers of oil cloth have reduced prices five to ten per cent, owing to United States competition.

Grain—Inactive. Sugars slow and firm. A Montreal factory is offering a dark yellow sugar at 1-16c below former lowest yellow sugar. This is a new line. Rice firmer. Stocks of Ceylon teas are light and the market is firm.

Hardware—Active business done in in this branch, but the trade complain of small profits. Galvanized buckets are dearer. Castor oil 1-2c lower. Ingot tin scarcer and firm.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 31.
Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 77 carloads, including 1,100 hogs and 114 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Export cattle were slow, at \$3.90 to \$4.35 per 100 lbs. Butchers' cattle firmer, and all sold, at \$3.75 to \$4.15 for choice, and ordinary at \$3.25 to \$3.50. Export bulls, \$3.30 to \$3.65. Stockers firm and active, for Buffalo shipment, at \$31-4 to 4c per lb.

Sheep and lambs—Ewes brought 31-2c, bucks 3c, yearlings 41-2c to 5c and spring lambs \$3.50 to \$4.50 each.

Hogs easier. The best price was principally \$5, a few extra bringing \$5.70 per cwt. Thick fat and light hogs, \$4.65 to \$4.75 per cwt; sows, \$3 to \$3.25; stags, \$2 to \$2.25.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, June 3.
Receipts to-day were 71 carloads, including 1,500 hogs. Export cattle were 16c per 100 lbs lower. Butchers' cattle easier. Hogs weak. Export cattle ranged at 33-4 to 41-1c. But-

others, 3 to 4c. Hogs \$5 per cwt for choicest.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, June 4.

More export demand for wheat. Flour 10 to 20c lower for all grades. Shorts scarce and \$2 per ton higher. Eggs 1-2c lower. Butter easier. Creamery tubs 1-2c lower. Cured hides 1-4c higher. Calfskins 1c higher. Dressed hogs 1-4c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$6.75 to \$6.80; bakers, \$6.25 to \$6.50. Ontario straight roller, \$4.75 to \$4.80.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, \$1 for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, Owen Sound, \$1.30 to \$1.31.

Oats—White, 32 to 33c for cars at country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$13.50 to \$15 ton, at country points. Bran, \$10.50.

Oatmeal—\$4.30 per barrel for car lots and \$4.20 in bags.

Eggs—10c

Butter—Dairy, large rolls, 11 1-2 to 12c; tubs, 12 to 13c for choice; creamery, tub, 15 1-2c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 81-2c; cured, 9 1-4c; sheepskins, 90c to \$1.35 for fresh killed; calfskins, 9 to 10c.

sheepskins, 90c to \$1.35 for fresh Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—\$5 to 90c per bushel.

Wool—New washed 16c, unwashed 10 to 10 1-2c.

Seca—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per bushel. Red clover, \$3 to \$4 per bush. Maple syrup—65 per gallon.

Dressed hogs—Lower at 61-1c per pound.

LUXFER PRISMS.

The wonderfully effective but extremely simple discovery for lighting stores and buildings generally is being introduced in Winnipeg. The principle is simply the refraction of light by means of plates of glass, having the outer surface plain and the inner surface moulded into semi-prisms. By the use of these plates light can be conveyed to all parts of a large room, and the back of a long store can be made as light as the front. Every child knows that light can be thrown by means of a piece of glass. The application in the Luxfer prisms is so simple that it seems a wonder that it was not discovered long ago. In large buildings there is often a great amount of waste space through the necessity in the past of having light wells. These can now be done away with. A small plate is sufficient to light a dark passage. By the use of these plates in transoms and at the tops of show windows, the most delicate colors can be matched at the rear of a long store, where under ordinary circumstances it would be hard to distinguish colors at all. The whole thing is so simple and so effective that it seems ridiculous that we have been going on for years disfiguring buildings by great, ugly light wells, which cause drafts and make it inconvenient for heating purposes. This mode of lighting will now be adopted in all modern buildings. G. F. Stephens & Company, Winnipeg, have the agency for the Luxfer prisms in the west.

TENDERS.

Tenders for the erection of a grain elevator at Dominion City, Man., are asked for.

Tenders are called for the purchase of \$2,400 debentures of the Clearwater, Man., school district.