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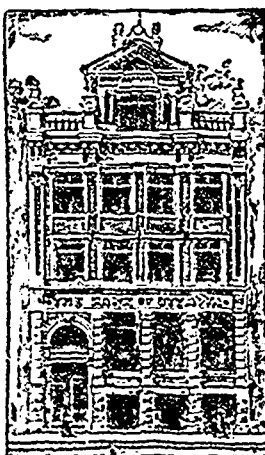
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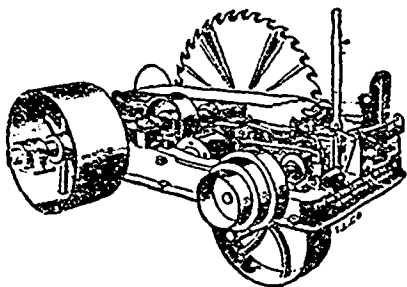
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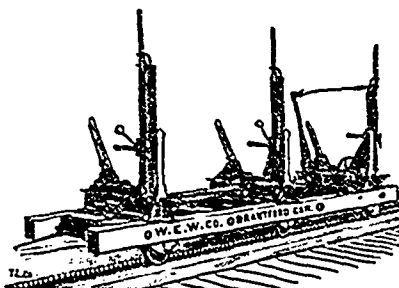
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A BAD PRECEDENT.

As an inducement offered to the Dominion government to construct the St. Andrew's rapids' improvements, to open navigation on the Red river between this city and Lake Winnipeg, the city of Winnipeg proposes to practically guarantee the interest on the cost of the work. This is something after the style of building railways in Canada. In order to secure the construction of railways, the custom has been to grant the companies bonuses or guarantees about equal to the cost of constructing the roads. The question has naturally arisen; why should not the government own the roads, after having practically done the financing for their construction? So we might say if the city of Winnipeg is to guarantee the cost of this Dominion public work, why should it not own the work? Anyway, why should the city guarantee the cost on a purely Dominion government work of this nature? The Dominion government has done absolutely nothing toward developing the important, navigable streams in the west, while vast sums have been expended in the east in improving far less important navigable routes. In the case of the St. Andrew's rapids, a very small expenditure only is required to open up deep water navigation for several hundred miles. There are other important

waterways in the West which should be developed. It will certainly be setting a very bad precedent to guarantee the cost of constructing the work, if we expect the government to undertake any of these other needed improvements.

The offer of the city is to take water-power from the government, to the amount of 2,000 horse power, at \$20 per horse power per year. The city needs the water power, but we have a far better source of supply than the St. Andrew's rapids right within the city limits, on the Assiniboine river. The city obtained the authority some years ago to develop this water power, though of late years the matter seems to have been lost sight of. J. F. Fauning, an experienced hydraulic engineer, made an examination and reported upon the Assiniboine water power some years ago, for the city council. He estimated that 2,500 horse power, rented at \$10 per horse power per annum, would pay 5 per cent on the cost of the work, after making full allowance for maintenance expenses. This power, he estimated, could be developed up to 10,000 horse power, and would pay an interest of about 20 per cent at the low rental of \$10 per horse power per annum.

As we have said, the city should own the work when it undertakes to guarantee the interest on the cost of construction. It is very desirable that navigation should be opened to Lake Winnipeg, but the work is one which belongs to the Dominion government alone. As a water power, the Assiniboine river power is probably by far the more valuable of the two to the city. If it is a water power which is wanted, the city should develop and own the Assiniboine river power. According to the reports of City Engineer Rutan and Mr. Fauning, the city would derive a handsome revenue from the development of the Assiniboine river power. In concluding his report Mr. Fauning said:

"I can conceive of no way in which the city can with more certainty and profit enhance its own growth and general prosperity, and secure permanent revenues, than by promoting this water power project, until its ten thousand horse power shall be fully loaded with busy machinery.

If we can develop the Assiniboine river power and derive a handsome revenue from it at a rental of \$10 per horse power per annum, why pay the Dominion government a bonus of \$20 per horse power for a work outside the city, which in its nature is a purely federal government work?

INDUSTRIAL WINNIPEG.

A few years ago the opinion largely prevailed here that Winnipeg could never become a manufacturing centre of any importance. While our manu-

facturing interests are still comparatively limited, yet enough has been accomplished in this direction to lead to the belief that the city is destined to become an important industrial as well as a purely commercial centre. In fact, it is evident now that all that is required to admit of the successful carrying on of many industries here is population. This population is coming. The city itself is going ahead quite fast, and our vast country is steadily filling up.

During the past year considerable progress was made in an industrial way. Several industries previously established here, were enlarged. What is really of more importance than the establishment of new industries, is the success of those already established. The erection of new and larger factories for the old industries may be taken as a safe indication of the success of these establishments. To mention some of these we have first the large factory and warehouse erected by E. F. Hutchings for his saddlery and harness industry. This is an industry which has assumed large proportions, and is an indication of what may be accomplished where efforts are directed by business energy, supported by capital. Mr. Hutchings has one of, if not the very finest establishment of the kind in Canada. There are other industries not yet established here, which would certainly find the conditions not less favorable than in the saddlery trade.

Another local industry which shows a healthy growth is the manufacture of leather and the conversion of the leather into boots and shoes. These two industries are carried on in one establishment by the Union Shoe and Leather company, and the business has assumed such proportions that it was found necessary to make a large addition to the factory during the past year.

Again we have the fine new oatmeal mill erected by the Oglvie Milling Co., which is another enlargement of an old industry. We might also mention the erection of a new building of considerable size in connection with the Vulcan Iron Works, the removal of E. Guilbault's tin box factory to a larger building, the enlargement of J. Y. Griffin & Co.'s packing house, and the establishment of such new industries as the Winnipeg Bag Works, the abattoir, spice mills, etc. These with such important industries as our flour mills, linseed oil mill, the Redwood factories, soap works, breweries, saw and planing mills, cigar factories, and other concerns, make up quite a list of industries.

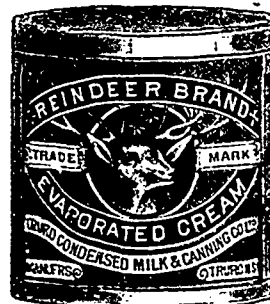
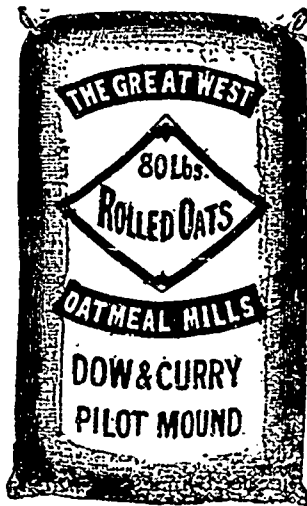
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trading, is under consideration. There is also a prospect of the establishment of large saw mills here within a year or two. The manufacture of pulp and paper may also be a future industry here, if not in the city, at least at some other point in the province. Another industry for which there is a good opening is a biscuit and confectionery establishment. An enormous quantity of goods of this class are brought in from the east, no less than eleven eastern factories having selling agents here. We have one local factory in this branch, but it is only able to supply a very small portion of the demand. A second factory was operated for a time and worked up a large trade, but owing to the limited amount of capital behind the enterprise, it came to grief. With sufficient capital, combined with business energy and experience, there would appear to be a splendid opening here for another biscuit and confectionery establishment. Still another industry which it is believed could be carried on to good advantage here is a tannery. The number of hides obtainable is considerable, and our hides are good quality, being free from grubs. The manufacture of starch, has been mentioned as a likely prospect, while it is also believed that a woolen mill would be a profitable investment here.

NEEDED INFORMATION.

It is perhaps a matter for regret that the members of the board of trade generally were not given an opportunity of hearing Col. Scoble's address on our inland waterways. Few, even of the members of the Winnipeg board of trade, are at all well informed in regard to this important subject. No doubt the imparting of such information as Col. Scoble has gained from a study of the matter, would help to open the eyes of the members of the board to the importance of the development of these waterways. The Commercial has previously stated that our business men generally do not fully appreciate the importance of these water routes. If Col. Scoble's address was very much appreciated by the members of the committee who listened to it, it seems a pity that the members of the board generally were not given an opportunity of hearing it, as the question discussed is one which all those who are interested in the development of our country should give some attention to.

London Fur Sales.

Blatspel, Stamp & Heacock report as follows on the Hudson's Bay Co.'s recent sales:

The attendance of buyers has been very large from all countries, bidding has been generally brisk, and several of the results show record prices; in fact, we have to go back to March,

1872, after the Franco-German war, for any similar range of values.

Otter (9,893 skins; last year, 9,672.) This fur did not share with beaver any increased favor, but suffered an average decline of 5 per cent. The prime skins, particularly the darker marks, declined nearly 10 per cent., seconds advancing about 5 per cent., and the thirds, being in most favor, were nearly 10 per cent. dearer. They were again chiefly purchased by German firms, but American buyers have interested themselves also.

Fisher (4,837, last year 5,221). Being in fashion only for the Russian market, did not find much favor, and prices show a decline from 10 to 12 1/2 per cent from the already depreciated prices of last year, the chief decline being on the darker prime and large skins.

Fox, silver (9,02, last year 1,245). This valuable fur, so long appreciated only by the Russians, has attracted the attention of the fashionable world, particularly in Paris, and seems destined to a high position in taste for next season. Coupled with the fact that this week's offering practically represents the world's year's production, the average advance established of nearly 90 per cent over last year's figures is perhaps not to be wondered at. The prime skins sold 60 per cent higher, seconds over 100 per cent, and the thirds 75 per cent above last March prices. They were largely purchased by French dealers, American and English firms taking some, and Russia could secure but very few; in fact, several parcels have been sold and sent back from Russia during the past winter.

Fox, cross (5,321, last year 6,480). In some measure followed the lead of silver fox, and show an advance of 35 per cent; of these however, the larger part are destined for the Russian market, only some of the more silvery sorts being purchased for the new neckwear fashion.

Fox, blue (58, last year 46). Being used for the same fashion (neckwear) as the silver fox, have followed suit in the great advance—the few skins at the Hudson's Bay Company's sales actually figure up over 200 per cent dearer than last year. The general results of the fine Alaska skins is double prices of last year, while the Iceland skins (probably some of those sold last month at Copenhagen), in some cases, are much more. They were largely purchased for France and Germany.

Marten (66,402, last year 81,659). Decreasing supply, coupled with the fact that this fur has enjoyed much favor in England and the United States, and has been used in France and Germany to some extent, therefore, being in general good demand, a considerable advance was warranted and generally expected. Compared with the figures current last March the average result is nearly 60 per cent higher, which may be called a little dearer than prices realized last January; the large pale skins and seconds show the large increase, the finer dark skins and the thirds being rather easier. They were chiefly purchased for England, and the darker marks for America, Germany and France taking relatively few.

Fox, red (20,132, last year 25,502). The new fashions and the intention to dye this fur has had the effect of diverting it from the usual buyers, with the result of a large increase in prices. The average is fully 70 per cent over the value ruling last March. Many were purchased for the

American market direct, but the European buyers take many of the rough skins; only the lower sorts are destined for Greece, and very few, perhaps, for Russia.

Fox, white (6,647, last year 3,200). This fur being very suitable for dyeing purposes, in imitation of more valuable sorts, was in very strong request, and promptly advanced nearly 75 per cent. It was largely purchased for America, Germany and England.

Mink (41,034, last year 70,052). This favorite sort of again fashionable fur attracted much attention, and following the lead already set up last January, sold briskly at over 50 per cent higher figures than in March, last year. Compared with last January prices, they must be considered rather higher, although there was nothing then exactly of the same quality to compare with the present offering. All qualities fared much alike, and the small skins were also in good favor; they were chiefly purchased for Germany but England and France were also buyers.

Lynx (26,517, last year 39,231). This long neglected fur has, by reason of its relative cheapness, attracted the trade's attention, and has now sold even better than the few skins offered last January, being assisted by purchases for America as well as for France, where it may be largely used in the natural state; the average result is nearly 40 per cent higher than last spring.

Wolf (3,550, last year 7,465). Proved in better demand, and sold 20 per cent higher, were chiefly taken for Germany and England, apparently none for America.

Wolverine (899, last year 1,060). Has become again quite fashionable and useful for ladies' wear; advanced on the average nearly 100 per cent. The prime skins were hardly 50 per cent dearer, but all common skins more than doubled the low prices of last year; chiefly purchased for England.

Skunk (9,739, last year 16,618). These large-sized, although somewhat common quality skins, attracted this year the attention of American buyers selling nearly 60 per cent higher than last March.

Bear, black (8,977, last year 9,166). Fine skins, suitable for army purposes, were generally strongly competed for. In some instances these were taken at an advance of about 10 per cent on last year's prices. Furriers' seconds and woolly sold 10 per cent cheaper. Thirds and fourths were in better demand, and sold much dearer, the result being an average decline of about 5 per cent.

Bear, brown (906, last year 972). Sold at a decline of about 15 per cent, and were not much favored by English furriers.

Bear, gray or grizzly (250, last year 214). Sold very freely at an advance of 30 per cent.

Bear, white (130, last year 141). Good skins sold 20 per cent dearer; poorer grades at low figures.

Musk ox (449, last year 334). Firsts and seconds sold at last March prices. Damaged and thirds nearly double prices.

Dry hair seal (2,792, last year 2,703). Sold 25 per cent dearer. Some demand for France, for motor-car drivers' coats.

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Winnipeg Business College.

This fine institution has recently been red new and more commodious quarters, and the occasion seems a fitting one for a short description of the premises, and work, as seen by a casual observer. The Commercial hoped to publish this matter some weeks ago, but there has been delays in securing the matter.

The new premises are situated on Portage avenue, at the corner of Fort street. The building was erected last year as a business block, the ground floor being occupied by stores and the first flat by the business college. The college occupies all of the second floor which is arranged with a special view to such use by the owners. It has every modern convenience in the way of easy means of access from the outer world, large and well lighted hall and class rooms, cloak rooms, lavatories, etc. The main class room is large enough to comfortably accommodate from 60 to 75 pupils, and often that number may be seen at work there. The smaller rooms have always their quota as well. These are allotted to the various classes with due regard



G. W. DONALD,
Secretary Winnipeg Business College.

to their size and the necessities of their work. Next to the commercial class room the most important are those of the shorthand classes. There are two of these, one for lectures and instruction, and one for practice. The class in typewriting is another large one, and a number of the best machines are kept for their use. The college bank is an important institution. Here the student of commercial practice is given an insight into banking life, which is bound to stand him in good stead when face to face with the stern realities. The college office is a business like institution, where the practical side of the concern is looked after.

As showing the magnitude of the work of this important educational institution, it may be stated that the day attendance since the opening of the present term has been 195 scholars, and the night attendance 96 scholars. It requires six permanent teachers to handle these pupils.

Mr. G. W. Donald is the principal of the college and one of its proprietors. C. A. Fleming, of Owen Sound, is its president.

So great has been the success attend-

ing the work of this business college since it was first established in Winnipeg, now many years ago that the work has doubled itself several times, and there are hundreds of its graduates holding responsible positions in this and other business centres who owe their start in life almost solely to the work of the college in their behalf.

Health Foods.

The London Lancet, one of the leading medical publications of the world, in a recent issue, containing the following reference to the foods manufactured by the Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Food Company, which foods are being sold here by the Manitoba Health Food Co., of Winnipeg.

"There are some novel and interesting dietetic preparations in the list of this company. They consist chiefly of foods prepared from cereals and from nuts. Granose Flakes, for example consist of light brown flakes resembling potato chips, which on analysis present the composition of wheaten flour of superior quality, that is, flour in which all the essential food constituents are retained. The nitrogen amounted to 2.14 per cent, which is equivalent to a total of 13.37 per cent. albuminoids. The moisture amounted to 12.02 per cent, and the mineral matter to 2.09 per cent. The microscope showed the presence of starch granules highly distorted by cooking, probably by steam. The preparation is undoubtedly nutritious, not merely on account of its composition, but also because the constituents are partially prepared for the digestive process. Nuttose is an oily looking compound prepared from nuts. The fat is in a finely divided state, amounting to an emulsified condition, while the carbohydrates and nitrogenous matters are previously treated so as also to render them easy of digestion. Lastly, the preparations submitted to us include 'Caramel-Cereal,' which is offered as a substitute for tea and coffee. It consists of carefully roasted wheat, and resembles coffee in color and appearance, and in the size of the grain. It yields, on steeping in boiling water, a rich infusion with aromatic, coffee-like taste, which contains the nutritious constituents of the wheat berry.

"The preparations are of interest as indicating the steps which are taken to produce on a commercial scale foods in which the nutritive value is increased by the process adopted.

Monthly Trade Returns.

The Dominion customs collections for the nine months of the current fiscal year up to the end of March, total \$18,810,064, as compared with \$16,451,879 in the same period last year. March last year showed exceptionally large collections by reason of the impending tariff changes.

The customs returns at the Winnipeg office for the month of March are as follows:

	1899.	1898.
Exported	\$577,186	\$241,083
Entered for consumption—		
Dutiable	432,962	330,630
Free	109,695	127,613
Total	\$512,657	\$158,243

Duty collected \$118,117 \$92,243
It will be seen from these returns that there was a substantial increase in the volume of trade over the same month last year. This expansion manifests itself in almost equal ratio all through the list of our imports, and

is due mainly to the natural increase in the volume of trade incident to improvement in the general condition of the people.

The inland revenue returns at the Winnipeg office for the month of March show the following amounts collected:

Spirits	\$20,587.96
Malt	2,097.79
Tobacco	11,086.64
Raw leaf	667.20
Cigars, ex-factory	296.10
Cigars	1,205.40
Petroleum	131.00
Mythelated spirits	157.22
Total	\$36,829.31

The Outlook in Rubber.

"The demand for rubber products has kept pace with every advancement made by our people, and is growing faster now than ever before," says the India Rubber World. "It is as little likely to decrease permanently as the railways are to give place again to stage coaches. At the same time, the improvement in treating rubber in the factory has enabled goods to be produced of a higher quality and at lower prices than were ever before known. It may be that there are elements in the rubber trade which are not conducive to profits on the whole, but they will disappear in the process of the survival of the fittest, just as has been the case in former years. Meanwhile there are important firms—firms of long standing and well equipped with capital—who are prepared to testify that the past year showed the largest volume of business they have ever known, and the fact that they are still in the field proves that the business was not done at a loss. There were consumed last year in the United States and Canada, according to the best estimates obtainable, 42,283,000 pounds of rubber, against 38,101,000 pounds in 1897 and 30,246,000 pounds in 1896. The prices paid were the highest ever known, for while the highest quotation for fine Para in 1896 was 85 cents, the range of prices last year was between \$1 cents and \$1.06. It is impossible that this increase in consumption could have occurred, and at such a high level of prices, without a firm demand for products, together with a margin of profits for the manufacturers. Otherwise there would have been a long list of failures, instead of many new factories and enlargements of old ones, accompanied by an increase of capital invested."

Railway to Hudson Bay

There has been strong agitation in Toronto for a railway to Hudson Bay. The result of this is seen in the granting of bonuses to aid such roads, by the Ontario government. It is proposed to grant a subsidy of \$2,000 per mile for a line of railway connecting with the C. P. R. at Mississauga station, and extending thence to the mouth of the Moose River in James Bay. In addition to the cash subsidy a grant of 5,000 acres per mile of railway constructed is proposed to be given out of the lands through which the railway may pass. A similar subsidy of \$2,000 a mile, together with a land grant to the same extent, is proposed to be given to the James Bay railway, which it is proposed to build from a point near Sudbury, in the direction of Lake Abitibi, to Hudson Bay. This line is expected to open up a very large tract of valuable agricultural land in the vicinity of Lakes Temiscamingue and Abitibi.

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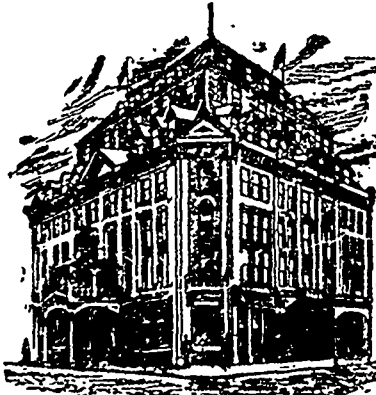
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INSURANCE

THE CONFEDERATION LIFE.

The twenty-seventh annual report of this well known Canadian life association is given in detail this week, and will be worthy of study by all those interested in life insurance—and who among business men are not interested in life insurance. The policy valuations have been made at 3-1-2 per cent interest for the last three years, and at 4-1-2 for the years preceding. For the last four years the income from interest and rents has sufficed to pay the net death claims and leave \$153,000 to the good. For a series of years the cash profits paid policy-holders have averaged \$86,319 per annum. Gains are shown in premium income, interest income, new risks written and total business in force. There is also a gain in assets and a gain in cash surplus and in total security for policy-holders, while the increased business of 1898 has been done at less expense. Policy-holders received last year \$455,978. The cash surplus of the company by government standard is now \$416,206.

This surely is a very creditable record for the past year, and one with which the policy-holders have every reason to be satisfied. The statement shows that every possible provision has been made for the safety of the policy-holders, and they have practically a positive guarantee that their protection is solid and permanent. This will give the policy-holders a sense of rest and security which is in striking contrast with the position of those who have placed their investments in some so called insurance concerns.

The Confederation Life Association has long been an important factor in this western field, and the association is represented at all important points throughout the West. The business here is in charge of Daniel McDonald, inspector, and Chas. E. Kerr, cashier.

A CHINAMAN'S BRIGHT IDEA ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE.

There is a Pittsburg life insurance agent of whom it is said that he can talk a stone into buying a policy in his company, "the most liberal on earth," says the Pittsburg News. He wrote a policy for a Chinaman a few weeks ago, the first ever written for a man of the race in Pittsburg. How he did it he alone knows. The Chinaman has no clear idea of it. He understood that by paying the premiums promptly he would be entitled to \$5,000 some time. He began bothering the agents for the money after a couple of weeks had passed, and the agent tried to explain to him that he would have to die before he could get it. The Chinaman fell down a cellarway on Grant street and was badly hurt. His friends tried to attend to him without calling in a doctor. When they did call in one two days later the doctor was angry.

"Why didn't you call me sooner?" he asked. "This man is half dead now."

Next day the injured man's brother was at the insurance office with a claim for \$2,500.

"You're not entitled to anything on this," said the insurance man, "until the man is dead."

"Doctor say him half dead," answer-

ed the brother. "Why he no get lat half?"

POLICY HOLDERS PROTEST.

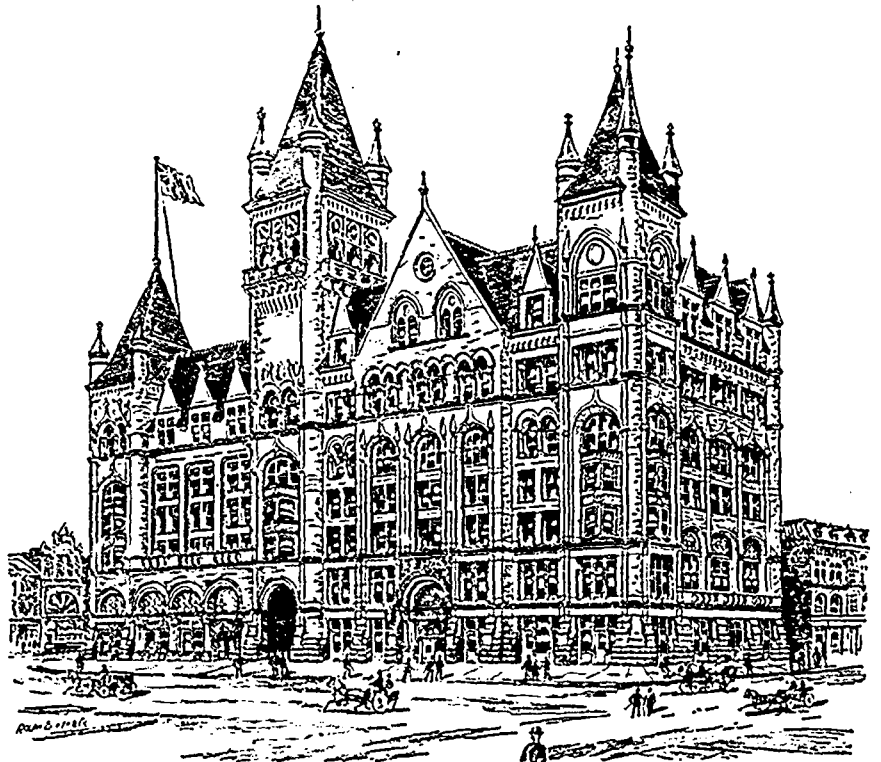
The meeting of the policy holders of the Canada Life Assurance company held in Winnipeg on Tuesday was well attended. The following, amongst others, were present. Messrs. L. A. Sares, R. J. Whittle, W. George-son, F. Powis, G. A. Muttibury, J. F. Howard, Kenneth Mackenzie, J. Erzinger, A. M. Fraser, D. B. Adams, J. Wallace, Jas. Porter, Jas. Scott, H. C. Stovel, J. A. Cameron, C. H. Campbell, A. M. Nanton, D. K. Elliott, G. B. Thompson and R. J. Campbell.

A general discussion on the legislation about to be considered at Ottawa took place and it was unanimously resolved to endorse the petition of the Policy Holders' association and ask parliament to re-enact the clause prohibiting any one shareholder from casting more than forty votes either directly or indirectly, and further that representation of the policy holders on

NEW FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

An important addition to the list of fire insurance companies doing business in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, is that of the Law Union & Crown Insurance company of London, England, which has just completed arrangements with the well known firm of Messrs. Osler, Hammond & Nanton to represent them as general agents for Manitoba and the Northwest. The Law Union & Crown is one of the oldest and strongest insurance companies in Great Britain, and stands very high among the first class companies for safe and efficient management. The volume of their business can be judged by the fact that their assets on the 31st of December last amounted to over \$20,000,000. The company will do a general fire insurance business in Canada.

A Dominion license has been obtained and the necessary steps are now being taken for the transaction of business in Manitoba and the Northwest, and the above firm expect to



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the board of directors be sought. As the company have refused to give any information as to the names and addresses of the policy holders it was agreed to have the petition left at the store of Mr. John Erzinger and request all policy holders to sign the same as early as possible, it being desirable that the petition should be presented to parliament without any unnecessary delay and with as many signatures as possible.

The meeting appointed the following committee. Messrs. James Porter, A. M. Nanton, J. F. Howard, C. H. Campbell, A. M. Fraser, Kenneth Mackenzie and D. K. Elliott, to take any further action deemed necessary and to call another meeting of those interested.

It was ascertained that those present represented about \$300,000 of insurance and there was a strong feeling that prompt action was necessary to guard the interests of the policy holders.

be in a position to do business in a few days.

INSURANCE ITEMS.

Thos. Gilroy, of the Sun Life Assurance company, left for the west on Tuesday on a trip of inspection to the various agencies of his company.

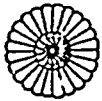
The cash income of the Ontario Mutual Life company for 1898 was \$923,941—nearly three thousand dollars for every working day of the year. Its new business amounted to \$680,000 more than that of the previous year. The interest income for the year exceeded the death losses by \$38,000.

Kirby & Colgate, insurance agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. The business of the old firm will be continued by W. T. Kirby. It is understood that Mr. Colgate will retain the agency for the Manchester Fire Insurance company, and will carry on his business at 339 Main street.

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- Decrease in Death Claims.**
- Decrease in Expense Ratio.**

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Confederation Life Association was held at the Head Office of the Company, Yonge, Richmond and Victoria streets, Toronto, on Tuesday, March 14th, 1899, at 2 p.m.

There was a large attendance of those interested in the affairs of the association.

Hon. Sir W. P. Howland, President, was appointed to act as Chairman, and Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Managing Director, as Secretary.

After the usual formalities the following report and statements of the affairs of the association for the year 1898 were presented.

REPORT.

The Directors herewith lay before the Policyholders and Shareholders the report of the business for the year 1898, and in doing so they feel that both Policyholders and Shareholders will find ground for congratulation with the results of the operations for the year. The business generally has been well maintained, and a satisfactory volume of new business has been secured on the lines which have guided your Directors in the past.

There were received during the year 2,381 applications for a total new insurance of \$3,383,393; of these 2,251 for \$3,164,142 were approved; 118 for \$205,450 were declined, not coming up to the company's standard, and 12 for \$13,790 were deferred for further information. Including bonus additions, the new business for the year was \$3,186,450. The total business in force at the close of the year was \$29,677,418, under 19,959 policies on 17,100 lives.

The claims arising from death among the insured were very favorable, and considerably under those for the previous year. There were 99 deaths, calling for the sum of \$183,931 under 112 policies.

The variation of the policy and annuity obligations of the Association has been made on the conservative basis used for the two previous years, namely: a rate of interest of 3 1/2 per cent. for all business written since 1895, and 4 1/2 per cent. for business written prior to that date.

The usual financial statements are herewith submitted, and they will be found to exhibit the position of the company at the close of the year.

The directors have continued to make their audit each month, and their report will be found appended to the financial statements.

By reference to the financial statements, it will be noticed that substantial payments have been made to the Policyholders in the way of profits, the sum of \$85,390.22 having been paid during the year. Taking the last four years, a total sum of \$345,276 has been paid to the Policyholders in this way, giving an average of \$86,319. During the same four years the net interest and

rents received have been sufficient to pay the net claims arising from deaths and leave a surplus of \$153,810; and, during the same period, the expense ratio has been gradually brought down, a result, in view of the volume of new busi-

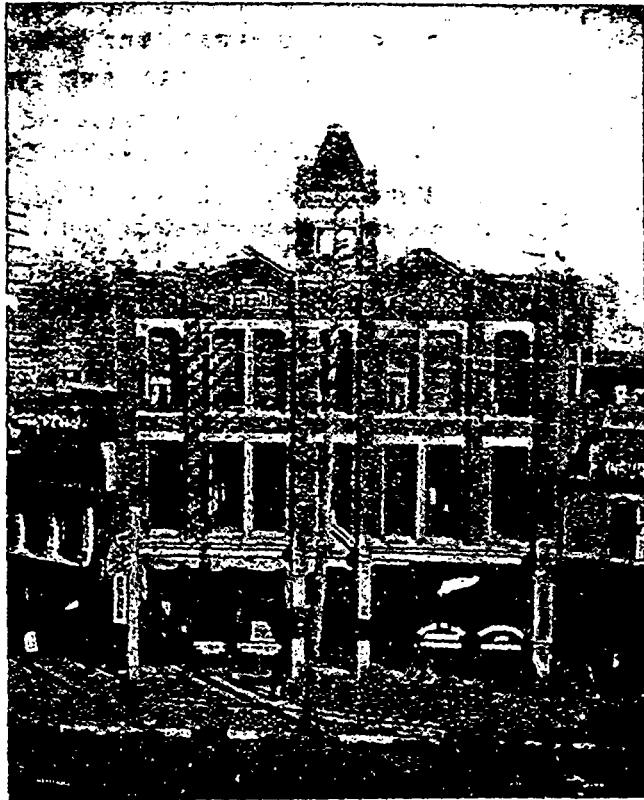
ness maintained and the existing conditions, your Directors believe will bear most favorable comparison. Your Directors, after careful consideration, concluded that the improvement in business generally would warrant them building on the vacant land on Queen street, which forms part of the Head Office block, and they have accordingly erected a three-storey brick building containing eight stores and two flats, the latter used as show rooms. All were occupied as soon as finished. The balance of the vacant land south of the stores has been ground-rented, and the lessee has erected a brick building thereon for warehouse purposes, so that what was non-productive is now yielding a very fair return, in addition to paying taxes and all other charges.

Reference was made in the last annual report to the returns from the properties taken over in the City of Toronto, and your Directors are now able to report a still further improvement in the returns, with better prospects for the present year, both as to rents and sales.

The Directors are pleased to report continued diligent and faithful services on the part of our field staff, and also of the employees generally.

All the directors retire, but are eligible for re-election.

W. P. HOWLAND, President.
J. K. MACDONALD, Mng. Dir.



CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING, WINNIPEG.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

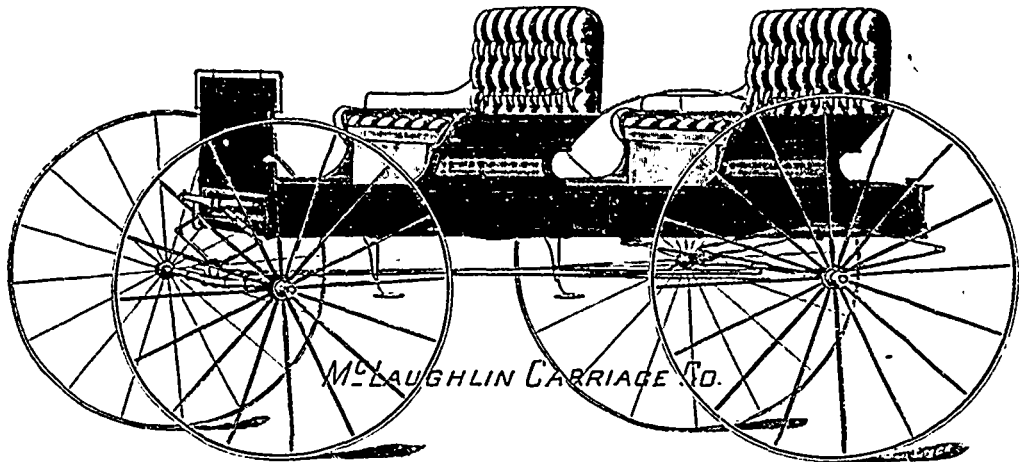
Receipts.

Premiums (net)	\$ 965,626.86
Interest and rents (net)	265,571.03
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	\$1,231,197.89

Disbursements.

To Policyholders.	
Death claims	\$ 176,899.90
Endowments	127,655.00
Annuities	14,193.36
Surrendered policies	51,836.20
Cash profits	85,390.22
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	\$ 455,974.78
Expenses, comm's, etc.	\$ 211,203.65
Dividends to stockholders	15,000.00
Balance	549,019.96
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	\$1,281,197.39

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THE GROCERY TRADE.

CHEAP GOODS.

In these days of keen competition among merchants to get something that they can sell cheaper than competitors it would seem desirable on the part of merchants to endeavor to cultivate a demand for quality, rather than for the lowest priced goods. Many consumers could be easily educated to call for quality rather than low cost, particularly in regard to food stuffs. Even as it is, those who give more attention to quality than to price, will succeed the best in the long run. If merchants would study the composition of the goods they sell and have their clerks do the same, with the object of posting their customers, they could do much to cultivate a demand for good goods, and certainly it is more satisfactory to sell good than poor stuff. The following from an exchange will indicate the different plans followed in the different stores. We will guarantee that the clerk who recommended the pure article did more to gain and keep a good customer than in the case of the one who pushed the sale of the lowest priced goods:

Scene 1. Grocery Store, (Clerk behind the counter).
 Enter Lady—Good morning, sir.
 Clerk—Good morning, mam. What can I do for you this morning?
 Lady—I want a pound of tea.
 Clerk—Yes, Mam, what kind would you like?
 Lady—What kind have you?
 Clerk—Black or green.
 Lady—I will take it mixed.
 Clerk—What price?
 Lady—What prices have you?
 Clerk—60c 50c, 40c, and 25c. We have a lovely 25c tea, just as fine a tea as you want to drink.
 Lady—Well, give me a pound of that.
 Clerk—Anything else?
 Lady—What kind of coffee have you? I like it good.
 Clerk—We have a very fine coffee at 20c.
 Lady—I'll take a pound of that if you can recommend it.
 Clerk—And anything else, mam?
 Lady—I want a pound of good jam.
 Clerk—Yes, mam, we have a good pure jam at 7c a lb.
 Lady—Give me a pound of it. Would you please send them up?
 Clerk—Yes, mam. (Exit Lady.)

Scene 2. Grocery Store (Clerk behind the counter).
 Enter Lady.
 Clerk—Good morning, mam.
 Lady—Good morning, is not this a lovely morning?
 Clerk—Indeed, it is just an ideal day. What may I have the pleasure of doing for you to-day?
 Lady—I want to get a pound of nice tea, one that you can recommend.
 Clerk—Yes, mam, something I suppose at about 50c. or 60c. We have something nice at those prices.
 Lady—Have you anything less than 50c or 60c?
 Clerk—Certainly, mam, but you asked me for something I could recommend. Now I always make it a point never to recommend an inferior article, as I always feel that my reputation is at stake, and it is the same with teas as it is with most other articles of diet, there are the pure and the impure I always believe in recommending the pure because I have too much respect for

namely, that this year, down to the present time, the business secured is largely in excess of that for the corresponding period of last year, and is greater than that of any previous year."

Mr. W. Macdonald, in moving the resolution thanking the President and directors of the Association for their faithful attention to the affairs of the Company, during the past year, said: "I do not think, in view of the report which we have just heard read, and the remarks of the President, and the one remark made by the Vice-President, that a resolution of this kind ought to be considered of a formal character. As a policyholder I have had a great deal of satisfaction in substantial reductions made upon my premiums out of the profits, and I have been a shareholder with very considerable satisfaction to myself, and while it is true that the President, Vice-President and Directors are in one sense doing no more than their duty in looking carefully after the affairs of the Association, as has been done last year, yet I think that it is due to them that there should be an earnest word of appreciative thanks, seeing that the duty has been so well discharged as in the present case. I therefore have much pleasure in moving this resolution."

Rev. Mr. McGillivray, in seconding this resolution, said: "I share very fully with the pleasure of the mover of this resolution in rising to second it. My pleasure does not reach quite as far as that of the mover. He is both a policyholder and a stockholder. I only have the privilege of being a policyholder in the Confederation Life Association, but I feel in that particular I have, in common with all policyholders, a very good and a very safe investment, and if it does not yield any very immediate returns, it is sure to yield very satisfactory returns in due time, if not to myself, to others."

"No one can read the statement or hear it read without being fully satisfied with the very satisfactory way in which the business of the Association has been conducted and prosecuted during the year."

"It is interesting to notice that the income from premiums is very near the million mark, and that the income from interest and rents has been more than sufficient to pay all the death claims during the year."

"Speaking for the policyholders and as one who has now been a policyholder for twenty years, I have very great pleasure in expressing my entire satisfaction with the way in which the business of the company is conducted, and the splendid exhibit which has been presented to us of the past year assures one that the greatest possible care has been bestowed upon our affairs by the Directors and Officers of the Association, and with very great satisfaction I second the resolution proposed by Mr. Macdonald."

A resolution thanking the officers the members of the agency and office staffs for their faithful service in the interests of the Association during the past year was proposed by Mr. W. H. Gibbs and seconded by Hon. James Young and reglled to by many of those present, the members of the field staff generally expressing themselves as highly gratified with the very encouraging report of the operations of the Association for the past year, which has been presented to the meeting.

All the retiring Board of Directors were unanimously re-elected, and at the meeting of the new Board, held immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting, Sir W. P. Howland, O. R. K. O. M. G., was re-elected President, and Messrs. Edward Hooper and W. H. Beatty, Vice-Presidents.

The Union Shoe and Leather company, Winnipeg, is meeting with such a demand for its products that the facilities for turning out work have to be increased as rapidly as improvements in machinery appear. This spring about \$7,000 worth of new machinery is being put into their tool and shoe factory.

Assets.

Mortgages and real estate	\$4,200,198.20
Bonds and debentures	1,388,436.43
Loans on policies and stocks	604,224.52
Outstanding and deferred premiums	202,069.57
Int. and rents due and accrued	128,390.47
Cash in banks, and sundries	101,902.33
	<u>\$6,825,116.81</u>

Liabilities.

Reserve, Hm. 31-2 and 4 1-2 p.c.	\$6,230,728.00
(Reserve, government standard, \$6,178,459.00)	
Declared profits	90,690.52
Capital stock paid up	100,000.00
Sundry items	39,721.24
Cash surplus	308,977.05
	<u>\$6,825,116.81</u>

Cash surplus (Gov. standard) \$ 416,206.05

Capital stock \$1,000,000
 TOTAL SURPLUS SECURITY FOR POLICYHOLDERS \$1,416,206.05

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the association for the year ending December 31st, 1898, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify that the financial statements agree with the books and are correct.

The securities represented in the assets (with the exception of those lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to \$84,600, and those deposited with the Government of Newfoundland, amounting to \$25,000) have been examined and compared with the books of the Association, and are correct, and correspond with the schedules and ledgers.

The bank balances and cash are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS, R. F. SPENGE Auditors
 Toronto, March 4th, 1899.

Sir W. P. Howland, President, in moving the adoption of the report and financial statement, said:

"It affords us sincere pleasure, gentlemen, to be able to present you with the report and statements in regard to the business and the position of the company which you have just read. They afford evidences of satisfactory progress and success in every department of the company's business. The new business secured during the year, notwithstanding the increased competition, was somewhat in excess of that obtained in the previous year, and at the end of the year we had insurances in force aggregating \$29,677,418, an increase of \$1,245,417 over the amount in force at the end of 1897. This large and satisfactory amount of business has all been obtained while the expense ratio of the company has been less than that of the previous year, which proves that the business of the association continues to be of a permanent and reliable character. The death claims for the year aggregated \$183,931, which were \$59,593 less than those of the previous year. Our financial statements show an increase in income for the year of \$46,670.00 There was paid to policyholders during the year the large sum of \$457,973, and our cash surplus over all liabilities, according to the government standard of valuation, is \$116,206, an increase over the previous year of \$50,367."

"We consider that these facts fully justify us in the belief that they will prove eminently satisfactory to our policyholders and shareholders, and will insure the continuance of the generous support which the company has received from the public."

Mr W. H. Beatty, Vice-President, in moving the adoption of the report said:

"I will just make one remark, which I am sure you will be delighted to hear, and that is, it will be particularly gratifying to the gentlemen of the field staff,

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my customers' systems to recommend a bad one.

Lady—That is right, I did not know that tea was adulterated. What do they put in it?

Clerk—Prussian blue, gypsum, graphite, and sometimes a kind of grey clay, and sometimes they load it with iron filings in order to make it weigh heavy. Then some of the tea has been used once and retwisted and refaced, and some of the cheaper tea is not tea at all—it is made of the leaves of other plants.

Lady—Dear, dear, I'll take a pound of your 60-cent. You say it is all right?

Clerk—Yes, mam, and if you find any fault with it bring it back and we will replace it, for we are here to suit you.

Lady—Thank you, I know more about tea than I ever did in my life before. I must tell some of my lazy friends who buy cheap tea about it.

Clerk—All right, mam, you will find what I say correct; anything else?

Lady—Yes, I want a pound of good coffee.

Clerk—Do you want it pure or adulterated?

Lady—Adulterated! do they adulterate coffee?

Clerk—Yes, mam, most certainly they do.

Lady—What with?

Clerk—Well, with nothing as a rule that will harm you, only when you pay for coffee you do not expect to get roasted peas, rye, wheat, beans and chickory, and when you desire to be sure of getting it pure you do not expect to get imitation paste beans thrown in to deceive you.

Lady—Paste beans! do you mean to tell me that they make coffee beans of paste?

Clerk—Yes, mam, and it would take you all your time to detect it if you were not aware of it beforehand.

Lady—Dear, oh dear, what will they do next?

Clerk—When people demand cheap stuff, madam, it is hard to tell what you are getting—often everything but what you ask for.

Lady—Dear, oh dear, give me a pound of your 40-cent coffee.

Clerk—All right, madam; anything else?

Lady—Yes, one pound of good jam; what is the price?

Clerk—Well, it is the same with that as it is with the other goods; if you want it pure, minus turnips, etc., 15 and 20 cents—if you want it with these ingredients, 7 and 10 cents.

Lady—Give me a pound of the 15-cent and I am much obliged to you. This talk has been very interesting.

GROCERS AND TRADING STAMPS.

There is a strong feeling among Winnipeg grocers against the introduction of trading stamps here. The grocers claim that the margin on groceries is too small to admit of giving discounts for cash in any form. A number of grocers have gone into the trading stamp business, and those who have refused to give trading stamps have been considering ways of compelling the others to give up the use of the stamps. Meetings have been held, and it has even been proposed that jobbers should boycott those grocers who give trading stamps. This, however, is an extreme and practically impossible proposal. If the city jobbers refused to sell to grocers who give trading stamps, they would still be able to secure supplies from the east. If there is not sufficient mar-

gin in the grocery business in Winnipeg to allow of a cash discount, it is past understanding how grocers can do a credit business, as the cost of doing a credit business will exceed the cost of a moderate cash discount. At the same time The Commercial does not approve of the trading stamp plan of giving a cash discount.

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Recent advices from Greece, state that a stronger feeling is developing in the market for currants.

Japan teas are strong in price at points of production owing to scarcity of supplies and recent orders from Canada could not be filled for this reason.

A baking powder trust has been completed at Chicago. It includes the Royal and Price companies, the two leading concerns. This company is capitalized at \$20,000,000.

Late reports are to the effect that prospects for the 1899 crop of Sicily and Bari almonds are very favorable. Spot stocks of these in the primary markets are reported to be very light.

The San Francisco market is pretty well cleaned up of salmon, only Alaska red and pink being held in any quantity of stocks of these are just disappearing. Pink is quoted there at 67 1-2c l.o.b. and red at \$1.00.

If the run proves to be a good one there is every indication that the salmon pack of this spring on the Pacific coast will be a much larger one than usual, owing to the expected increase in consumption.

Incorporation papers of the American Beet Sugar Co. have been filed at Trenton, New Jersey. The capital is \$20,000,000. This company is an amalgamation of four beet sugar plants, two in Nebraska, and two in Southern California.

A couple of weeks ago a Chicago firm bought 1,300 chests of India and Ceylon teas in Canada for export to the United States. This practically represents all the offerings of low grade teas that could be exported to the States.

Pink salmon is scarce in New York and the recent advance of 2 1-2c did not check the demand. A further rise of 2 1-2c is looked for, as sail shipments are done and any further additions to the spot stock must be made by rail.

Ceylon teas have advanced 2c per lb. in England within a month. The public taste for these teas is growing stronger every year in England, the United States and Canada. It is said that there has not been such a boom in tea in London, England since 1879.

Within a year the price of raw sugar has advanced 3-5c per pound in price, while during the same period the price of refined has not made any perceptible advance which shows the effect of the war between the sugar refining concerns of the United States upon the trade.

Latest advices from the islands, says a Montreal report on molasses, are very firm, stocks of Barbadoes being limited and held at 12c first cost. It is now said that the production will fall far short of what was anticipated. The first canes ground up yielded only about half what was expected and rains have retarded the grinding.

An active demand has been experienced at Montreal for new pack can-

ned lobsters for Hamilton, London and Brantford, future delivery account. Prices have advanced fully 75c per case on last year's figures. Tails have sold at \$10 to \$10.50, halves at \$12.25 to \$12.50, and 1 pound flats, \$10.75 to \$11.35.

Dealers should be careful when buying maple sugar or syrup this spring to be sure that they are not supplied with mixed or made over stock. Complaints of this practice being followed are already appearing in the east. Only reputable dealers should be entrusted with orders for either of these products and even the most conscientious dealers are sometimes themselves deceived.

The great strength in India and Ceylon teas continues to be the feature of the grocery market. The tendency of prices on these teas has been steadily upward for some time, while China teas are also scarce and tending higher. The production of British grown teas has not kept pace with the increasing consumption. The United States is now also becoming a considerable consumer of India and Ceylon teas.

Dairy Trade Items.

The Canadian Dairy Supply Co., of Montreal, has opened a branch in Winnipeg, with A. Lindback as manager.

T. C. Gerrard, general merchant, Shelburne, Man., is establishing a creamery at that place; not at Melgund, as previously stated.

C. C. Macdonald, Manitoba dairy commissioner, has issued a circular giving instructions to cheese makers throughout the province as to the method for curing cheese.

The annual meeting of the The Grenfell Butter and Cheese Manufacturing Association, Limited, of Grenfell, Assiniboia, was held last week. There are now altogether some 110 shareholders in this organization.

A large increase in the make of creamery butter and cheese is expected this year. Reports from the country indicate that there is a large demand for cows for dairy purposes and cream separators are in good demand. S. M. Barro, of the Winnipeg creamery, says he will have milk from 100 more patrons than last year, and whereas in March and April last year they were scarcely doing anything, this year quite a list of patrons have been sending in cream regularly.

Produce dealers in the Northwestern States are in a serious predicament owing to the failure of supplies of material for the manufacture of butter and egg cases. Wet weather in the Mississippi States has made it impossible for the men employed in the business of cutting lumber and getting out the woods from which staves and box materials are made to work and in consequence there is a famine in these necessary adjuncts to the trade. The woods used are whitewood, ash, cottonwood and poplar. Substitutes for these woods are not to be had. It is thought that the famine will last until well on into the summer at least and meantime the egg and butter business will suffer severely. As high as 22c is being asked now for tubs by some makers.

The number of failures in Canada last week was 23 as compared with 24 for the previous week and 28 for the same week a year ago.

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Manitoba.

A. A. Hunt, dry goods, Brandon, has resigned.

G. H. Irvin has opened a tailor shop at Carberry.

A general store is being opened at Gordon by Latch.

G. E. Deyell is opening a stock of drugs at Manitou.

T. L. Corbett intends opening in groceries at Dauphin.

Incorporation is being talked of again by the citizens of Carman.

R. N. Doyle has sold his jewelry business at Carman, to A. Hutchison.

D. E. Jones has sold his livery and feed stable at Roland, to H. Wilson.

Miami is to have a paper, to be known as the Roland and Miami Herald.

Geo. Brooks, of Portage la Prairie, will open a furniture store at Swan River.

Wiebe Bros., Rosenfeld, are negotiating a sale of their general store business.

J. Giles has disposed of his butcher business at Portage la Prairie to Cousins.

R. J. Hopper & Co. have bought out the general store business of S. Hartford at Neepawa.

Wm. Wilson, of Treherne, has leased the blacksmith shop of Alex. Campbell at Cypress River.

J. W. Waugh, of Carman, has bought out the general store business of P. F. Curtis, at Baldur.

An illicit stillkeeper named Dutilleul, at Laurier, was fined \$100 and sentenced to a month in jail.

The town of Carberry has bought a new chemical engine, a product of the Brandon Machine Works.

The Canadian Litho Company, Ltd., has been incorporated at Winnipeg with a capital stock of \$20,000.

H. Adams has bought out the interest of his partner, Jackson, in the Rossin house at Portage la Prairie.

The C. P. R. is being asked to extend its Stonewall-Foxton branch to Gimli, on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg.

Wm. McKenzie is authority for the statement that the Dauphin road will be extended to the Saskatchewan river this year.

D. Golding is opening a pump factory at Virten. He has been in the business in Trenton, Ont., for many years.

Temple & Bolton, general merchants, of Nupinka, have made an assignment. It will be remembered that this firm was burned out a short time ago.

J. R. Dow, of Ochre River, has retired from the blacksmithing business in which he has been engaged at that point and J. Turner has taken it over.

The postal car service on the Lake Manitoba railway has been changed from a semi-weekly to a tri-weekly service between Portage la Prairie and Dauphin.

A. J. Spera will handle the Crescent bicycles again this year in Winnipeg, including the chainless wheel manufactured by this company.

Brown & Rutherford, Winnipeg, are building a fishing boat 52 feet long for the Lake Winnipeg fishing trade. The cost of the vessel will be over \$2,000.

Letters patent of incorporation have been issued to the Western Coloniza-

tion Co., Ltd., with a capital stock of \$20,000. The object of the company is to deal in and improve and settle farm lands in the vicinity of Winnipeg.

In a suit recently heard between an employee and the Great Northwest Central Railway company for the recovery of wages due since 1893 judgment has been given for the plaintiff with costs. The claim included a number of other wages claims held by the plaintiff under an assignment.

A joint meeting of the committee of the Winnipeg board of trade and the city council was held on Monday in connection with the St. Andrew's rapids question. Nothing new was developed in the progress of negotiations with the Dominion government, but an effort will be made to secure a definite statement from the government as soon as possible.

Malone & Young, at McArthur's Landing, are building a large steam barge for use in transferring stone from their quarry at the Narrows of Lake Manitoba to the headwaters of the White Mud river. From thence the stone will be distributed by rail to all points. As the stone is of first-class quality for building and cutting, a large trade is expected.

Northwest Ontario.

The Rainy River Navigation and Pioneer steamboat lines with headquarters at Rat Portage, have amalgamated and will now be known as the Rainy River Navigation Company, Limited. The capital stock of the new concern is \$100,000. Geo. H. Bertram, C. A. Nelson, F. W. Brydges, A. R. Bartlet and Walter Ross are the directors.

The Ontario government proposes to grant to the Ontario and Rainy River railway, from its junction with the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway to Fort Frances, a distance not exceeding two hundred and five miles, a cash subsidy of \$1,000 a mile, and from Fort Frances to the mouth of Rainy river, a distance not exceeding seventy-five miles, a cash subsidy of \$1,000 a mile. A resolution to this effect has been introduced in the legislature.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 93 1-2 to 93c.

Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.50; bakers, \$2.30.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$12 per ton; shorts, \$14, in large lots.

Oatmeal—Dealers selling to trade at \$2 per sack of rolled.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, 39 to 43c.

Corn—Cars on track, Winnipeg, 40 to 40 1-2c per bushel.

Barley—40c for feed.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1-2c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 10 to 10 1-2c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 15c for fresh, an advance of 1c on the previous week.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef city dressed, 6 to 6 1-2c; country frozen 4 to 6c; mutton, 7 to 8c; hogs, 6 1-2 to 7c; veal, 7 to 9c.

Live stock—Cattle, butchers', 3 to 3 3-4c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Hides—Frozen hides, 6 1-2c.

Wool—8 to 10c for unwashed fleeces.

Hay—Baled, on track, at country points, advanced to \$9 to \$8.50 per ton.

Potatoes—33 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 9c per lb.; turkeys 11c; live chickens, 60 to 75c per pair.

Freight Rates.

A serious shortage of vessels in the grain trade at Chicago is likely to result in the diversion of a large traffic from the lakes to the all-rail lines eastward, owing to heavy chartering in the iron ore trade.

An impression prevails in the trade that ocean freights via Montreal will be low after the opening of navigation, due to the large amount of tonnage seeking cargo at that port.

A delegation representing the corn exchange of Montreal and Kingston shippers waited on the Dominion government Saturday afternoon and asked that the canals be opened so as to permit navigation to commence before May 1st. They received a definite promise that the canals would be opened as soon as navigation was possible.

Movements of Business Men

S. Sigmundson, fish merchant, of Lake Winnipeg, was in the city this week.

G. Parker, buyer for the Hudson's Bay company, at Winnipeg, left last week for the old country on his regular spring trip.

Thos. B. Greening, wholesale tea and coffee merchant, of Hamilton, Ont., was in Winnipeg this week on his way east after a trip to the coast.

H. P. Hansen, for many years a prominent general merchant of Mo- den, as a member of the firm of Schuitz & Hansen, is leaving for the Klondike this spring.

Freddie was sent down stairs by his uncle to bring up a pair of tan shoes. The youngster returned with two shoes, one of which was laced and the other buttoned.

"That isn't the right pair, Freddie," said his uncle. "I can't wear those. They are not mates. Where are the others?"

The little boy looked somewhat puzzled for a moment, and then said, "I don't think you can wear the other pair, uncle; it isn't alike either."

A western exchange says: "A Calgary firm has inaugurated a system of selling which might readily commend itself to business men elsewhere. They call their house a two-price store, and their method is to mark their selling price in plain figures on a ticket, one side cash and the other credit. If they have the courage of their convictions, and adhere to their prices, they should meet with success."

The Waterous Engine Works company have entirely remodeled their office premises at Winnipeg and are nicely settled again. The accommodation has been much improved in every way. The walls are finished in oiled white pine with red cedar trimmings and cornice work. The floors are of hard maple and the counters of oak. Ample room is now available for carrying on the growing business of this concern.

A syndicate is reported to be in course of formation, to be composed of a number of prominent business men of Canada and the United States, for the purpose of engaging in the dressed meat trade in Canada and between Canada and England. Cattle, sheep and hogs will be slaughtered in western Ontario, shipped in refrigerator cars to Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec and from these points supplied to the Canadian trade or shipped in cold storage to the old country.

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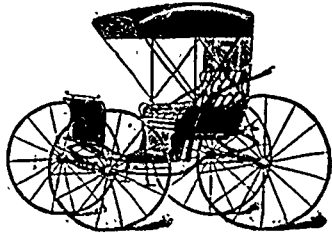
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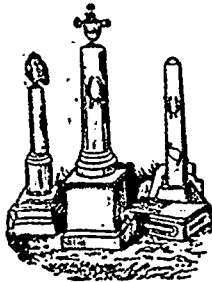
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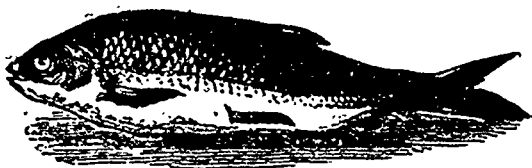
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GRASS TWINE.

Considerable attention is being given to the new grass binder twine industry. Samples of the grass from which this class of twine is made, have been forwarded to the secretary of the Winnipeg board of trade. The establishment of a factory here is proposed, if a sufficient quantity of the grass can be procured. It would require an area of about 40,000 acres to supply the necessary amount of grass. The grass is a wirey substance and grows wild here to some extent on marsh lands. The soil where it grows is sour, unproductive land, so far as any other crop is concerned. The cultivation of this grass, where the land is suitable, would therefore be a great advantage in turning otherwise useless land to good account.

The Farm Implement News, of Chicago, has the following to say about this twine:

From what we have seen of grass twine and of its manufacture at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and St. Paul, Minnesota, by the Northwestern Grass Twine company, account of which was given in last week's issue of Farm Implement News, we are of opinion that this twine is going to be a factor of considerable importance in the binder twine business of the future, and that its possibilities should not be overlooked by the manufacturers of binders and of twine.

Generally it has been supposed that the areas of the peculiar wire grass, from which this twine is made, are so limited and scattered that they could not supply any considerable portion of the material required, and also that it would be too bulky for convenient handling and economical shipment. But careful surveys show that within ready reach of the plant at Oshkosh are some 60,000 acres, yielding the grass at the rate of a ton to a ton and a half per acre, besides many thousands of acres more adapted to its growth and good for nothing else that would be put to its production, if there was demand for it, as it would be a profitable crop. The plant at St. Paul has also an ample supply of this grass in easy reach.

The main work of the company since its organization for the development of this industry has been the production and perfection of machinery for tightly and evenly spinning the twine and compactly winding it. They have succeeded so well that the twine now made is as even and smooth as the best is about three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter and runs 250 feet to the pound, and is wound so

tightly that the balls or spools only take up about one-third more room than ordinary twine, length for length. The balls pack snugly and there is no difficulty in filling a car to the full weight.

THE TWINE MARKET.

Although fiber prices are higher and still show advancing tendencies no change has been made in the price of twine since March 20, when the last advance of 1-4 cent occurred. Some of the leading concerns are desirous of setting a new price that will cover all the advances hemp has made, but others are opposed to this until material on hand, purchased prior to the last increase in fiber values, has been exhausted. In other words it is not considered policy to make speculative advances. Manufacturers who are buying hemp on the present market must therefore sell, if at all, at little or no profit until some of the largest concerns have decided to raise the price.

But this condition will probably not continue long. Hemp purchases are made in small lots and prices are constantly increasing. It is extremely probable that another advance in twine prices will take place within the next ten days, or two weeks at the outside.

Here is a well posted twine man's prediction for the remainder of the season. "Prices will continue upward as long as the course of fiber lies the same way. If the hemp market should weaken, twine prices will stand at the last figure, unless the decline in hemp should be heavy, and of that I see no prospect whatever. At the end of harvest, if there shall be found a surplus of twine, prices will be cut in the northwest. As far as the remainder of the country is concerned I predict a firm twine market until harvest is ended."

Current prices l.o.b. Chicago and other central points:

Sisal	9 1-2
Standard	9 1-2
Manila (600-foot)	10 1-2
Pure manila	11

Car lots, 1-4 cent less. Five-ton lots, 1-8 cent less. Fall terms.—Chicago Farm Implement News.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Seeley has opened in the machinery business at Pumas, Minn.

A. J. McPherson has opened in the implement business at Dauphin, Minn.

The state of Iowa contemplates establishing a prison binder twine factory.

The price of manila in New York on March 27 was 1-2c higher than on Sept. 1, 1898, and sisal is 1 1-4 cents higher than on that date.

Country dealers in implements are making great displays of the seeders, plows, etc., which they have sold for spring trade the idea being to see which can show the most in each locality. Some astonishing strings of seeders are shown.

Large sales of sisal are reported to have been made in Yucatan for delivery during the current year, at high prices. So largely has the product been sold in advance, that very high prices are expected for any not already contracted for. The producers are reaping a rich harvest.

During the year 1897 United States manufacturers of twine and cordage purchased 54,037 tons of manila fiber at an invoice price of \$74 per ton.

During 1898, they purchased 48,383 tons at a cost of \$87 per ton. Of sisal fiber in 1896, 69,704 tons were purchased at an average rate of about \$118.50 and in 1898, 69,793 tons valued at \$109 per ton.

Sisal advanced 1-8c in New York on March 24, but the following day one lot of manila sold 1-8c decline. No more, however, could have been obtained at the decline, and a few days later the market was very firm and held 1-8c higher. On March 27, 1-8c higher was quoted at New York for both sisal and manila, and some holders asked as much as 3-8c more for sisal.

A movement is on foot to consolidate all the bicycle manufacturing interests of Canada into a concern to be known as the Canadian Bicycle Company, Limited. The capital stock is to be \$5,000,000, if the scheme goes through. The reason advanced for this move is that the manufacturers want to put themselves in a position to compete with the low grade United States wheels, which it is alleged, now practically monopolize the Canadian market.

It is rumored that a big hemp concern in New York, that has handled the bulk of sisal fiber imported into the United States the past six months are about sold up; also that they are large buyers in the primary market and values there have risen to a higher point than current New York quotations. Official figures of the stock in the hands of brokers and speculators of New York and Boston have been steadily declining since Dec. 1 1898. On that date the amount was 73,146 bales, Jan. 1, 66,860; Feb. 1, 61,884; March 1, 44,224. A number of large sales have been made this month.

C. P. R. Annual Meeting.

Montreal, April 5.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific railway was held to-day. The old board was re-elected unanimously. The agreement respecting the sale of the Aylmer branch was approved. The issue of securities on the extensions of the Pipestone and Stonewall branches were authorized; the lease of the Columbia and Western railway was approved; the extended agreement with the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railway company, "Soo Line," was approved providing for the taking up of certain maturing interest bearing obligations of that company and the payment of certain current capital obligations and for the equipment of terminals and additions acquired or required by the creation of five million dollars, second mortgage four per cent. bonds of Soo company, interest to be guaranteed by the C. P. R. One million and a half of the said bonds to be held by the trustee against the future requirements, subject to the control of the C. P. R. This arrangement is calculated to enable the Soo company to apply its surplus earnings to interest and dividends and to repay from the earnings of the C. P. R., interest advances in annual instalments. The expenditure of £728,255 on capital account was authorized. At a subsequent meeting of the board the former officers and executive committee were re-elected.

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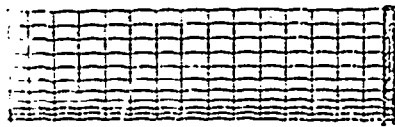
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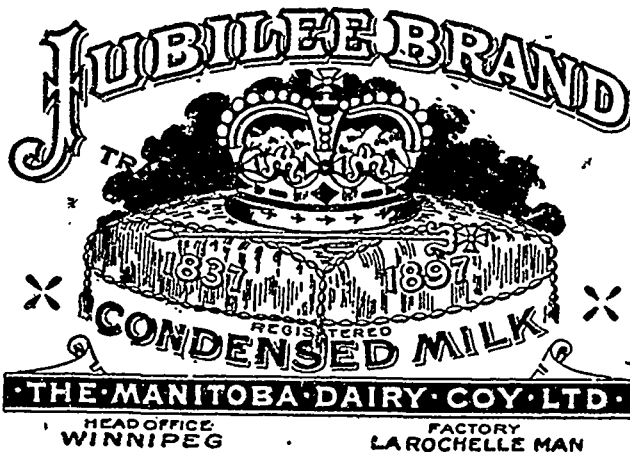
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THE DRY GOODS TRADE

FASHIONABLE SUMMER LINES.

A feature of the clothing and men's furnishings trade of this season is the good demand for all kinds of outing goods. Summer clothing is being manufactured more extensively than ever. Golfing, bicycling, boating, etc., all promise to add their quota to the demand. Golf hosiery is being shown in a great variety of patterns, many of which are exceedingly attractive and promise to be good sellers. Washable neckwear is another line that is being shown in a number of different styles, among which the leaders are berberys, ascotts and puffs. In the more expensive lines of silk neckwear the ascott tied in a puff shape and held with a pin seems to be the most popular.

Dealers are also showing a large range of belts for ladies' and gentlemen's wear. These are bound to be popular this season as the styles are decidedly pretty and the prices much reduced. A taking line is an open work, woven leather belt with large nickel plate buckle, made wide for men's use and narrower for ladies.

Leather braces which have formerly been confined to cheap kinds for working men are being shown in more expensive and fancy styles this season. The appearance of these lines is still further improved by the use of fancy metal buckles. The prices run up to \$6.00 per dozen.

Negligee shirts with soft unlaund ried bosoms, cuffs and collars attached or detached in printed fabrics, percales or Madras will be very much worn.

In trade novelties dealers had a large sale this year for coat and trousers holders and various devices for economizing space in closets and wardrobes and for preserving the shapes of various kinds of garments.

THE COTTON BOOM.

The feature of the dry goods trade this season has been the remarkable advance in cotton. The Minneapolis Commercial Bulletin has the following interview with an authority on cottons:

"I believe that the cotton market will continue strong," said Mr. Harris, in response to a question. "There is a great scarcity in all medium grades, especially in blacks and browns, in sheetings, in medium four yards sheeting and in 64x64 bleached cottons, cambric linings and denims of all kinds.

"In many lines it is very difficult to get orders filled within anything like a reasonable length of time. Many of the large cotton mills of the country are sold ahead until next November and are refusing to take orders for delivery until after that date.

"The advance in the cotton market since the first of January has been unprecedented in my experience. The advance on many lines has been at least 20 per cent, and I should say on general lines it has been between 15 and 20 per cent. I believe this advance is due to natural conditions and that will be well sustained. In fact, I look for still higher markets on some grades of cotton goods before the end of the year.

"The raw cotton market continues to advance and is very firm, especially in some of the better grades. Much of the crop last year was damaged in harvesting so that it was not available for the best quality of goods. Then

the wet weather and frost damaged the crop to a very large extent and the manufacturers of cotton goods have not had the same supplies to draw on that they have had heretofore.

"I do not anticipate there can be any easier feeling in the market until after the new crop of cotton is harvested, and I doubt if there will be much change then. Until that time I think the tendency of the market will be higher."

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Cashmere hosiery is displaying great strength in eastern wholesale centres.

According to the statistics of the Silk Association of Milan, Italy, the total visible supply of raw silk in the world on Jan. 31 was 1,037,169 kilos, against 1,559,020 kilos at the same date in 1898, and 2,853,261 kilos in 1897. The average visible supply on Jan. 31 for the previous five years was 2,600,589 kilos. The new crop will bring a fabulous figure. Already 4 lire per kilo has been paid on contracts for new cocoons.

A rather curious explanation is given for the recent sharp advance in prices for Swiss embroideries. It was due to the seizure of a large quantity of these goods by the customs authorities at New York. The importers saw that they were going to be some time getting the goods released, and as a more rapid means of securing what they wanted cable repeat orders to the makers in Switzerland. This caused the makers to think that the demand had increased and they accordingly put up their prices.

Dry goods and clothing merchants throughout the west are every year becoming more progressive and up-to-date in the matter of displaying goods. Most of the leading stores are quick to supply themselves with anything good that offers along this line. This year Myron, McBride & Co., have been offering a cabinet for displaying hats, made so that they can be closed to protect the goods from dust. The trade has been quick to see the utility of this device and the sale has consequently been large.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

ADVANCING PRICES.

The whole tenor of current advices from the east and south regarding the various leading lines of hardware is in the direction of further advances.

Makers of smooth steel wire announced a new price list last week, which shows advances running up to 75c on the base price per 100 pounds. Following are the advances. Nos. 2 to 9, 5 to 10c per 100 pounds, making the present price \$2.45; No. 10, 6c on base; No. 11, 13c on base; No. 12, 20c on base; No. 13, 35c on base; No. 14, 45c on base; No. 15, 60c on base; and No. 16, 75c on base per 100 pounds. Extras as follows: Copper wire, 55c per 100 pounds; tinned wire, \$2; oiling, 10c; special, hay baling, 30c; spring wire, 85c; best steel wire, 70c; bright soft drawn, 18c.

Wood screws is another line which has been the subject of further advances. The new list went into effect last Saturday, the old list having been in for just a month. The new schedule shows advances averaging 15 per cent. Following are the new discounts: Flat head, bright, 82 1-2 and 5; per cent off; round head, bright, 75

and 5 per cent off; flat head, brass, 75 and 5 per cent off; round head, brass, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent off; round head, bronze, 67 1-2 and 5 per cent off.

Makers of corrugated iron pipe have at last been compelled by the high prices for their raw material to inaugurate an advance which is now in force. Prices for this line are as follows at Toronto: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 round or corrugated pipe, per 100 feet, \$3.60, \$4.65, \$6.00, \$7.75 and \$9.35 respectively; 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 inch corrugated elbows per dozen, \$1.15, \$1.40, \$1.95, \$2.45 and \$2.85; do, sheets, \$1.40, \$1.90, \$2.45, \$2.85, and \$3.60; 2, 3, 4 and 5 inch corrugated hooks, per 100, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.00 and \$7.50 respectively.

Evatrough, has advanced in Ontario in sympathy with other lines and is now quoted as follows at Toronto: 3 inch, \$2.80; 4 inch, \$2.50; 5 inch, \$4.00, 6 inch, \$5.25.

Advices from abroad indicate that cement is very strong and prices are likely to rule higher this summer than last.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

J. P. Shannon has sold out his hardware business at Glenboro, Man., to C. Armitage.

Hopper and Fanning are adding hardware to their implement business at Newdale, Man.

Smelite Bros. & Co., general merchants, Russell, are putting in a complete stock of hardware.

Ed Crouter is buying out McRae's interest in the hardware business of McRae & McLean, at Gladstone, Man. C. F. Wood is putting in a stock of hardware and harness at Treestank, Man.

At a meeting of stove manufacturers held at Chicago recently, it was decided to raise the price of stoves at once at least 10 per cent. This is a result of the heavy advances in values of raw materials.

The leading stove manufacturers of eastern Canada are moving in the direction of increasing the wages of their employees. An advance of 10 per cent will be made in moulders' wages May 1.

Trading Stamp Legislation.

A bill now before the Ontario legislature provides for the regulation of the trading stamp business.

The bill is described as a bill "for regulating and licensing persons exercising the calling or engaged in the business of selling or otherwise disposing of trading stamps, or coupons, or dealing in gift schemes," and empowers municipalities to fix certain maximum sums which these shall pay for a license to carry on business within their boundaries. Cities having a population over 50,000 may make a tax of \$1,000; cities having a population of 50,000 or under, \$500, and towns having a population of 5,000 or over, \$250. One of the clauses reads: "This is not to apply to or prevent merchants or others from making gifts to their customers or others purchasing from them as a condition of their purchasing goods up to a certain value."

The Educational Journal of Western Canada is the name of a new publication, the March number of which has recently been issued. The topics taken up in this number are timely and should be of interest to every school teacher. Brandon is the headquarters of the publishers.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended April 6, 1899	\$1,578,454
Corresponding week, 1898	1,575,511
1897	990,246

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for four years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$6,847,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March	5,068,000	4,289,000	4,258,000
April	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May	8,683,364	6,014,780	4,246,201
June	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept.	6,414,651	8,035,201	4,930,700
Oct.	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,655,472
Nov.	11,553,069	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,708,781	9,784,498	7,738,945
Year	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,148,935

	1899.
Jan.	\$7,888,052
Feb.	6,209,471

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The directors of Molsons bank have decided to open a branch at Port Arthur.

The Merchants Bank purposes erecting a new building for the accommodation of its branch at Medicine Hat.

The Dominion government savings bank transactions at Winnipeg for the month of March were as follows: Deposits, \$20,478.00; withdrawals, \$28,942.75. Withdrawals exceeded the deposits, by \$8,464.75.

Application is being made to the legislative assembly of Manitoba, for an act authorizing "The Central Canada Loan and Savings Company" to carry on business in the province and to acquire the property and assets of "The Central Canada Loan and Savings Company of Ontario," now doing business here.

A bank having received a cheque on another bank for which it gave the depositor of it credit, had the cheque lost before being collected. The credit so given was then cancelled on the ground that the cheque was the property of the depositor. Suit being entered to have the credit restored the court held that when any instruments are received by a bank and credited to a customer, such instruments become the absolute property of the bank and, if lost, the customer has no liability therefor, but the loss falls on the bank.

A meeting of the bond holders of the city of Brandon was held recently in London, England, to consider what action should be taken to protect their interests in view of the action of the city council with regard to the payment of the liabilities which these debentures represent. The ground was taken by various speakers that the city's ability to pay was undoubted and accordingly the following resolution was passed: "That a committee be appointed to protect the interests of the holders in the United Kingdom of the debentures of the city of Brandon, and that such committee do endeavor to ascertain the financial position of the city, and advise the debenture-

holders as to the best course that they should adopt."

The provincial estimates of Manitoba were laid on the table by Treasurer McMillan last week. They are much the same as the previous year's. The most important of the changes are as follows: The government estimate to receive, in addition to the regular subsidy, \$300,000 from the school lands fund, about \$50,000 from provincial taxes, an increase of \$25,000 over last year; and \$60,000 from lands titles offices, an increase of about \$10,000. On the expenditure side the school grants are increased from \$200,000 to \$250,000. The grants for public works are slightly increased, as also the cost of maintaining public institutions caused by the growth of population. The grant for immigration is about the same as last year. The estimated expenditure also includes the aid at \$1,750 per mile to the Northern Pacific for the Belmont extension, and the C. P. R. for Foxton and Reston extensions.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

RUBBER FOOTWEAR.

The Commercial noted briefly last week that an advance had been made on rubber footwear for the fall and winter trade. Those who have followed the market will not be surprised at the advance. There has been no check to the long-continued advance in raw rubber, and an advance on manufactured goods for the fall trade has been fully expected for some time by those informed as to the value of the raw material.

New lists for the fall trade were received this week and they show an advance on many lines, varying from 5 per cent up to 20 per cent. For instance, boys' second grade plain rubbers, listed at 50c last year, and youths' listed at 40c, are now each listed 10c higher, an advance of 20 per cent on boys' and 22 1-2 per cent on youths'. This is the most marked advance. Second qualities show the most marked advance, being higher about all through the list. On other lines the following are some of the more important advances. Men's snow excluders advanced 10c to \$1.80, men's articles advanced 5c to \$1.65; men's cotton lined rubbers, standard, advanced 5c to 50c; boys' do., advanced 10c to 65c. and so on through the list Heavy lumbermen's goods also show considerable advances.

In addition to the advance, in list prices, there has been a further advance through a reduction of discounts. Last year the trade discount was 20 and 5, with a further discount of 5 per cent for 30 days. The terms this year are 20 per cent trade, 4 per cent 30 days, 5 per cent 10 days. The reduction in discounts is equal to an advance of say 6 per cent 30 days. Purchasers to the extent of over \$2,000 up to \$5,000 will secure a further discount or rebate of 4 per cent.

Railway Building.

Mr. William McKenzie and his son, Mr. R. J. McKenzie, arrived in the city Wednesday from Toronto and registered at the Queen's. Mr. McKenzie's visit is principally in connection with his railroad interests in the province. Work on the Southeastern and Dauphin lines will be resumed as early in

the spring as the weather will permit, and he has come up to superintend the organization of the forces, for it is the intention of his firm to push construction operations on both roads vigorously this year. During his stay Mr. McKenzie will also look into his other varied interests here, he being one of the heaviest real estate owners in the city, besides being largely interested in several important local enterprises.

Speaking of his plans for this year with regard to railroad construction Mr. McKenzie stated to a Free Press reporter in the evening work would be commenced on the extension of the Dauphin railway as early in the spring as possible, and an effort would be made to reach the Saskatchewan by next fall. He was not sure, however, that this could be accomplished, as they had other large undertakings on hand; but he stated positively that the line would, at the very least, be in the vicinity of Red Deer lake, at the northwestern corner of the province by the time that winter set in. More than this he would not say anything definite at present.

Mr. McKenzie was asked if the Free Press might state that it was his intention to ultimately extend the line to Hudson's Bay. To this question Mr. McKenzie said: "You may certainly say that; and also that I have great faith in the feasibility of that route. We have positive information that the straits are open for four months, and I am convinced that they are open for a considerably longer period, and that in time much of the produce of this country, grain flour and cattle, will be taken to Great Britain and Europe by that route."

With regard to the South Eastern Mr. McKenzie said that the construction of the line eastward from the present terminus would be commenced as soon as the graders could get to work, and he hoped to be able to reach Rainy River by fall, but of this he would not speak with positiveness as there might be difficulties of engineering and other contingencies to contend with that had not yet presented themselves. The line had been located to the river and the connecting link from the east had also been located for the greater part of the distance and it was his company's intention to have the line in operation to the head of navigation just as soon as possible.

Anxious speculator—Say, I want to get on the right side of the market.

Wise financier—Then stay on the outside.

Magnificent illustrations make the Easter number of the Canadian Magazine very attractive. The cover is appropriate. The stories are contributed by Joanna E. Wood, W. A. Fraser, Bleasdel Cameron, Clinton Ross, H. J. O'Higgins and Margaret O'Grady. Sir Louis H. Davies writes feelingly of the late Lord Herschell in an article which shows the national character of this magazine. Judge Ermatinger gives many interesting facts about Major Rogers, commander of the famous Rogers' Rangers of Revolutionary Times. Major-General Strange writes of the Nicaragua Canal, and William Thorp on the possibilities of closer union between the West Indies and Canada. There is a two page article on Thomas Shaughnessy, the famous railroad magnate; a short article on Easter and many other attractive features.

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 29c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@ \$9.00; I X, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@ \$11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20x 28, \$8.50.

Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.15 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @ \$6.00; sleigh shoe steel, 2.50@ \$2.75; cast tool steel, lb., 9@12½c; imitation Russian sheet, 7@8c; genuine Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 guage, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 guage, \$3.25; 28 guage \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, 3.10 @ \$3.15.

Galvanized Iron—American, 16 guage, \$4 00; 18 to 22 guage, \$4.25; 24 guage, \$4 50; 26 guage, \$4.75; 28 guage, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.

Iron pipe—Quoted as follows per 100 feet: ½ inch, \$2.75; ¾ inch, \$3.00; 1 inch, \$3.75; 1½ inch, \$4.25; 2 inch, \$5.75; 2½ inch, \$7.75; 3 inch, \$9.50; 4 inch, \$12.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., ¼ to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$8.00 lb., broken lots \$8.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 18@19c.

Ammunition — Cartridges — Rim fire pistol, American discount 37½@40 per cent rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; centre fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12½ per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 7c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; ¼ kegs, 4½ lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 guage, soft shot, \$15 and upwards per 1,000. No. 10 guage, \$21.50 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.00, 12½ lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12½ lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$9 75, Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12½ lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 ½ lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12½ lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$9.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00. Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12½ lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$12.00, Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6½ lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12½ lbs, \$22.00, 6½ lbs, \$11.25, 3½ lbs, \$5.75, ½ canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb, solid, plain twist, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; staples, \$3.75.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.40 for 30 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4½@6 inch, \$3.00 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, \$8.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5 50 box. Discount of above list prices 45 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, keg, \$4.00; broken lots, \$4.25; steel shoes, \$4.50 up; Snow shoe, \$4.25 per keg.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 10½c base; manilla, lb., 11½c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch and larger, 15c lb.

Building Paper—Anchor brand plain 45c; do tarred 60c; Jubilee plain 57c; do tarred 73c.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.75 100 lbs; No. 1, \$5.75.

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

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 6½c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 8c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@20c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½c; 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, 12½c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20@25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$3.50; benzine, case, \$3.50. 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, 2½c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2½c., do., less than barrels, 1b, 3c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass.—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.25; 26 to 40, \$2.50 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$5.30; 51 to 60, \$5.80; 61 to 70, \$6.30 per 100 feet boxes.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 59c; boiled, gal., 62c in barrels, less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 78c; less than barrels, gallon, 83c. 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, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18c; crescent, 20½c; oleophene, 21c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 2½c for eocene and 2½c for sunlight. Straight car lots Silver Star 1c less, other brands 2c less.

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Tenders will be received by R. W. Lee, of Carlingville till the 22nd of April for building about five miles of wire fence.

Tenders for the erection of a brick church building, 36x36, will be received by the Methodists of Sintaluta till April 15th.

Tenders for erection of an elevator at Gretna will be received till Wednesday, 12th April, by Abraham Klussen, secretary.

Tenders are being called for for the erection of a school building in the school district of Broomhill. Wm. Kennedy is the secretary.

The Winnipeg city council has been advertising for tenders for a market site. They want about two acres of ground in a central location.

Tenders will be received up to Friday, 21st April, for the delivery of Indian supplies during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1900, at various points in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Address J. D. McLean, secretary, Ottawa.

The city council of Winnipeg is advertising for new tenders for the supply of firemen's summer clothing. In the advertisement giving notice for this tender, it is stated that no contractor need figure unless he is prepared to furnish the suits bearing the union label.

Live Stock News.

The Montreal Gazette says of the Easter cattle market: "The attraction of the market was a bull that weighed 2,400 lbs. and was bought for \$133, or at 51-2c per lb. This was one of the best beasts seen on the market for some time past. Another drawing came was a beast that weighed 2,500 lbs., and was bought at \$140 or about 6c per lb. This beast was admired by a great many, as it was without a doubt one of the finest seen for a long time. Mr. Drolet bought a bull which weighed 2,340 lbs., at \$145. G. Fisher bought one calf weighing 830 lbs., at 47-8c per lb. live weight. This was the best calf on the market.

Two carloads of stocker cattle were shipped from Killarney last week. About six cars of fat cattle left the Winnipeg stock yards this week for eastern markets.

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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	19,000
Toronto	60,000
Kingston	210,000
Winnipeg	470,000
Manitoba elevators	5,910,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,248,000

Total, March 25 ... 9,917,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's on March 25, were 51,686,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 44,167 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 5,104,000 bushels, compared with 4,424,000 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 April 1, was 29,987,000 bushels, being an increase of 80,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 30,223,000 bushels, two years ago 38,612,000 bushels, three years ago 60,322,000 bushels, and four years ago 72,703,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

Chicago	4,751,000
Duluth	10,765,000
Minneapolis	7,858,000
New York	2,632,000
Buffalo and afloat	853,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 11,129,000 bushels, compared with 12,047,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 32,737,000 bushels, compared with 42,647,000 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 March 1, for a series of years were as follows: Bradstreet's report: March 1, 1899, 124,589,000 bushels; March 1, 1898, 118,545,900; March 1, 1897, 133,721,000; March 1, 1896, 172,100,000; March 1, 1895, 193,746,000; March 1, 1894, 208,867,000; March 1, 1893, 196,693,000; March 1, 1892, 156,007,000 bushels.

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

This crop. Last crop.		
Minneapolis	69,200,686	61,026,950
Milwaukee	10,772,826	7,473,492
Duluth	63,928,595	34,823,595
Chicago	28,969,283	29,476,463

Total ... 172,871,390 133,800,502

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This crop. Last crop.		
Tulalo	11,722,536	10,021,351
St. Louis	12,989,042	10,871,956
Detroit	4,292,960	4,403,589
Kansas City	23,598,043	26,448,366

Total ... 52,702,641 51,747,262

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GRAIN AND MILLING

WHEAT INSPECTION.

It is to be hoped that the proposal to have grain shipped for Fort William inspected at Winnipeg, will be agreed to by the government. The grain trade of Manitoba and the Territories centres in Winnipeg. The buying, selling, and all other business in connection with the handling of the crop is nearly all transacted here. It would greatly facilitate the trade to have the inspecting done here. It would not in the least disturb the existing system, and at the same time it would not inconvenience any one to make this desirable change. On the other hand it would be a great convenience to every one in the trade to have the inspection done here. Country dealers would find the proposed change as great a convenience as the city grain men, while farmers who ship their own grain would reap the same benefit. All the grain which goes to Fort William passes through Winnipeg, so that there would not be any difficulty in inspecting the grain as it passes through. At present, when a farmer or country dealer forwards a car of wheat to Fort William, they have to wait for a return from that place before they know what grade has been given the grain. If the inspecting were done at Winnipeg they would learn the grade of their shipments one to two weeks earlier. In the case of wheat grading "rejected" or "no grade," it is often desirable to sell the grain on sample, or possibly ship it on east for the Ontario milling trade. If the inspecting were done at Winnipeg, shippers would know at once the classification of their grain, and before it reached Fort William they would have a chance of selling it on grade, and they could also order it on to any other point east of Fort William, in case of a sale while in transit. Of course shippers can have their grain inspected at Winnipeg under the present system; but the Winnipeg inspection is not recognized at Fort William, and any grain going into store there must be re-inspected, even if previously inspected at Winnipeg.

ENDORSED.

A special meeting of the Western Grain Standards Board was held in Winnipeg this week, to consider the changes in the inspection and handling of grain at public elevators, as recommended by the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. The result of the meeting was a general endorsement of the grain exchange resolutions, and the Dominion government will be asked to authorize the desired changes. The following resolutions were adopted by the standards board:

"Whereas we believe that by the present unsatisfactory system of inspection and handling of the grain

of this country, the commercial value and general reputation of our wheat has been injuriously affected both at home and abroad; be it resolved that in the opinion of this board steps should be taken and all legitimate means used to restore and maintain the high standard and character which rightfully belongs to the hard wheat grown in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

"Be it resolved that this board is convinced that the time has now arrived when it is absolutely necessary in the interest of the producer and the grain interests generally that all grain grown in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories passing Winnipeg to Fort William or south or east thereof, be inspected at Winnipeg and warehoused in Fort William or other eastern elevators on Winnipeg inspection."

"Whereas, the present system of paying officials, grain inspectors at Winnipeg and Fort William by fees is most undesirable. Therefore, be it resolved, that this board ask the minister of inland revenue to cause this fee system to be discontinued, and that instead thereof, inspectors and their assistants be paid salaries. We further would respectfully suggest that inspectors' salaries should be fully commensurate with the importance and responsibility of their position."

"Resolved, That this board heartily concurs in the resolution passed by the Winnipeg Grain and Produce exchange on the 15th of March, 1899, viz.: That the evils resulting from the mixing of Manitoba grain at Fort William and other terminal elevators are most injuriously affecting the reputation of Manitoba grain in the European markets, and further be it resolved that this board hereby expresses its positive conviction that no mixing of wheat should be permitted in a cargo shipment unless the inspection certificate issued therefor shall have written across its face a statement defining the various grades entering into its composition, and no mixed cargo shall carry a straight grade certificate."

"Resolved, that the term, 'public elevator,' shall be substituted for that of 'terminal elevator,' as referred to in the letter of the department, 24th March, 1899; that public elevators are those owned or operated by any persons or corporations who are not grain dealers, but who handle grain for storage purposes only as public warehouse men; that this board strongly recommends that all public elevators should be under government control and supervision."

"Resolved, that when inspectors are called upon to inspect grain shipped from what are called 'mixing elevators,' they shall be governed in their inspection of such grain by the general standard of grades in force at the 'public elevators,' and no grain will be allowed to pass inspection that is not fully up to the general average quality of the different grades coming out from the regular bins of the public elevators provided, that grain may be cleaned only (not mixed) under the supervision of an inspector or his deputy at any elevator without coming under the above regulations."

"Resolved, that the secretary wire the minister of inland revenue asking that the board be allowed to send three representatives to Ottawa to explain and discuss the recommendations made by the board to the minister and that the expenses be paid by the government."

The board adjourned at 6 o'clock.

The meeting proved most harmonious. As soon as the representatives of the different interests concerned in the questions considered came together it was found that their views were identical, and the resolutions submitted to the Dominion government were approved as to principle, so that the government will be urged by all parties concerned to make the changes in the inspection system advocated by the exchange.

WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week reported 252 cars of wheat inspected—compared with 276 cars the previous week— which, graded as follows: 1 hard 72 cars; 2 hard 18; 3 hard 1; 1 northern 25; 2 northern 3; 3 northern 6; 1 spring 5; 1 Ladoga 1; rejected 3; no grade; 87 cars. There was an increase again this week in the quantity of damp wheat, compared with other grades. As the weather was quite mild at the close of the week, not a day should be lost in forwarding any tough or damp wheat still held.

MANITOBA WHEAT STOCKS.

There were 3,040,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 3. Receipts were 316,000 bushels and shipments 175,000 bushels. Increase for the week 141,000 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 719,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,065,000 bushels; three years ago, 3,869,000 bushels, four years ago, 910,000 bushels, and 2,205,000 five years ago.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 9,250,000 bushels, compared with about 3,400,000 bushels a year ago, 6,125,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago.

GRAIN AND MILLING

It is expected that a grist mill will be built at Margaret, Man., this summer.

The Dominion Elevator Company's engine house at Portage la Prairie was damaged by fire on April 4.

An eastern dispatch states that it is the intention of the Dominion government to erect an elevator at Montreal in connection with the Inter-colonial railway, the work to be commenced immediately. The capacity will be 1,000,000 bushels.

Dow & Currie, owners of the oatmeal mill at Pilot Mound, Man., have brought down from Edmonton a very fine sample of White Banner oats seed. These oats are retailed to the farmers at 45c per bushel. Dow & Currie have found great difficulty in securing a suitable supply of oats for their mills in the past two years, and are anxious to encourage the growing of a good clean crop. They are also promoting the growth of pure barley for the manufacture of pearl and pot barley, which is a branch of their business.

A dispatch from Chester, Vermont, says the maple sugar harvest in Vermont is believed to be a total failure this year, and if the worst fears of the sugar makers are realized, the industry will be crippled for many years to come. The injury to sugar orchards was done last summer by an army of caterpillars and this spring the trees are found to be sapless.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 8.

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

FISH.

The demand for Manitoba fish is good, with only a moderate supply and some kinds are only to be had in limited quantities. Whitefish are very scarce and will be until the lakes open. The close season for pickerel, goldeyes and jackfish commences on the 15th of April, continuing for one month. Salt water fish, such as salmon, halibut, haddock and cod, are in moderate demand. Finnan haddie is held in cold storage in considerable quantity. Smelts are out of the market. For prices see market pages.

GROCERIES.

The advent of spring weather is bringing an increase of trade to the wholesale grocers. There has been a heavier demand for all lines this week from all parts of the country, with no special features to note. Some brokers have recently offered lots of United States sugars in this market at prices below those of the Canadian refineries, but orders given in response to these offers have not yet been filled and the only response to inquiries is that the refiners refused to fill them after they had been solicited, at the price. Very little United States sugar has yet appeared in this market and buyers are not making any effort to secure supplies from there. Molasses is firm. Cables this week from Barbadoes reported an advance there equal to 1c. Teas are very firm everywhere and a strong market is looked for, for some time. Canadian refined sugars advanced 10c at the refineries all around yesterday.

GREEN FRUITS.

There is very little change in the local market this week. California oranges remain unchanged at our quotations of last week, and the feeling continues strong in sympathy with the producing market. Strawberries are now offering here at \$9 per case of 21 quart boxes. Stocks of apples are light. Some spies and Washington apples in boxes may still be had. A car of Washington box apples is now due to arrive here. Maple sugar will be in next week. Prices are: California naval oranges 3.50 to \$1.50; seedlings, \$3. to \$3.50, as to quality, per box; bananas per bunch, large, \$2.50 to \$3; Messina lemons, \$4; California lemons \$4 to \$1.50 a box; apples, spies, \$5.50 to \$6 hbl., other varieties obtainable, \$1 to \$5 as to quality; box apples, \$2 box of 50 pounds; strawberries, \$9 per case; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8 per barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; new shelled walnuts, 27c; Tarragona almonds, 15 to 16c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12 to 14c per lb; new shelled walnuts, 21 1-2 to 26c per lb; comb honey, \$2.00 to \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, \$1-2c to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in cans of 1-2 gallon, 60c; in gallon cans, \$1; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks \$2 per box in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.40 per dozen; dates 7c

per pound; imported lettuce per dozen, 60c. California cabbage, 7c per lb.; California pleplant, 10c per lb.; onions, 31-2 to 4c per pound.

LEATHER.

Quotations have been changed slightly on some lines this week, but there are no marked alterations in the market situation. Union oak sole leather is now quoted at 40c per pound. Horseshoe brand of Canada calf is no longer being sold, the Niagara brand taking its place at a range of 50c to 90c per pound. Niagara brand of kip is quoted at 65 to 75c. A line known as Dolgona light has been added to our list and is quoted at 30c per foot. Bag sheepskins are a line which meets with some sale here at a price of \$8 per dozen.

HARDWARE.

No changes have been made in local price lists this week. The feeling is firm and business is steadily improving, notwithstanding the fact that the new season's trade can hardly be said to have commenced yet. Travellers will start out again next week to hustle for summer trade. Collections are the only weak spot in the situation. This and all other lines of wholesale trade find money rather scarce. For prices see market page. Our telegrams this week show several advances in eastern markets, including an advance of 1-2c at Toronto on sisal and manila rope.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The feeling this week in this line is very encouraging. The prospects for city trade are improving every day. Prices for all lines remain firm. See market page. Turpentine and linseed oil are higher this week in the east.

SCRAP MARKET.

A considerable trade is springing up in Winnipeg in scrap stuff and junk. There is at least one dealer, B. Stragge, in the city, giving all his attention to this line. There is a large inquiry this year from Eastern Canada and the United States for old iron, copper, brass, lead, rags, bones, bottles and rubbers, and orders are now in the hands of this dealer for 400 tons of old iron, 25 tons of rubber, 10 tons of scrap metal and 6 carloads of bones. For these commodities the following prices will be paid f. o. b. Winnipeg: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton. No. 2, do., \$1 per ton. wrought iron scrap, \$4 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$1 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire 9c per pound, red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1-2c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 21-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber, boots and shoes free from arctics and rivets, 21-2 to 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT — The speculative markets in the States have for the past week been strong and active, but nervous and undecided. They are at present dominated by the influence of crop damage reports, coming from almost every section of the winter wheat belt, and as these increase or decrease in number and strength during the hours the markets are in session so fluctuates the price up or down. The changes are often sharp and advances and declines are made with a rush which frequently covers a range of 2c per bushel within less

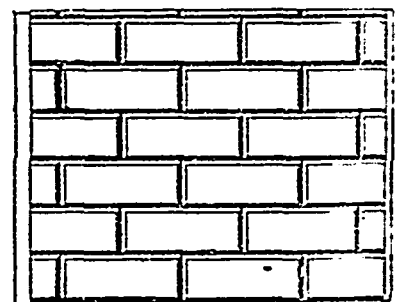
than an hour. Crop damage reports have become daily more emphatic, but in spite of that we have to record a decline of 11-2c per bushel on the week. It would be foolishness to attempt to forecast the course of the markets in their present uncertain state. Their action is difficult to guess correctly at any time, but nevertheless so than at present. It is beginning to be allowed by the most conservative authorities that very considerable damage may have been done. At the same time much of the damage reported cannot be confirmed until growing weather supplies the test. The weather has been backward and the season is growing into a late one and until vernal weather stimulates growth or shows that the plant life is puny or extinct a definite estimate of the amount of damage is not possible. Unless extraordinarily serious damage is developed such damage as has occurred may not have much permanent influence on prices of wheat, for the acreage under winter wheat in the States being largely increased (it is over 1,000,000 acres more than last year, and amounts to slightly over 30,000,000 acres under winter wheat alone, besides which there is the spring wheat acreage to consider a few million acres may be killed out and still have crop enough left to give a good aggregate yield. However this may turn out to be later on the present activity in the speculative markets is making little impression on the actual trade in wheat and flour. Doubtless it has the effect of keeping prices up but as yet it stimulates no demand. The trade in actual wheat is necessary all the world over. There is abundance of wheat from last year's harvests to serve through the year till other harvests are ready. The primary movement in the States is daily of large amount, sometimes more than double than on the

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corresponding day of last year, and the wheat export of wheat and flour to Europe continues very liberal. The Argentine is now shipping freely to Europe, over 2,000,000 bushels this week, and about 2,250,000 bushels last week. Australia is sending good shipments weekly, after having only shipped 320,000 bushels to Europe in the previous three years, and India is just beginning to ship her new crop. Russian shipments are also increasing. European buyers, therefore, have the prospect before them of ample supplies for the near future, and will not in the meantime be moved to active buying by alleged crop failure in the States. Besides this, Europe had good crops of wheat last year, and farmers there, as on this side, marketed sparingly, leaving still a great deal of the old crop to market. Now she has a new crop coming on increased in acreage, and up to the present, without exception a most favorable prospect for the coming harvest. Under the lapse of time small as it is for certain that the wheat crop in the States will only give a small yield, it will be hard work to get so much, if anything, above present level. Had it not been for the backwardness of the season on this side, and the crop damage reports, wheat would almost surely have been sold at lower prices than it is at present. The week's statistics show a decrease in the American visible supply of 50,000 bush., and an increase in the world's visible supply of 52,000. The world's shipments for the week were 6,000,000 bush.; made up of American 2,800,000, Canadian 1,400,000, Argentine 2,200,000, Indian 124,000, Russian 106,000, Australian 116,000, previous week, 6,027,000 bush.

The characteristics have been exhibited in the local market as noted last week, namely, dullness, lack of demand and dearth of business. At the same time, there is scarcely any attempt to force trade by lowering prices any more than is suggested by the decline in outside markets. Last week closed with 1 hard spot, Fort William, at 71c, and on Monday it declined to 70 1-2c. On Tuesday there were sales at 70 and 70 1-2c, and on Wednesday after selling at 70c in the morning, 70 1-2c was obtained in the afternoon, and sellers were asking 71c. On Thursday sales were made in the forenoon at 71c, but in the afternoon buyers only bid 70 1-2c. Yesterday with further decline in outside markets, sales in forenoon were at 70 1-2c, and in the afternoon buyers would not offer more than 70c. 2 hard and 1 northern are 3c less than 1 hard, 2 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring are 6 1-2c less than 1 hard. Tough wheat is not now wanted, the advancing season making it more risky to ship it eastward without being dried. Dried wheat is in small request at 62c for dried 2 northern, and 6 1-2c for dried 2 hard in store Fort William.

FLOUR—There is a good local trade being done in flour, business having picked up considerably since the first of March up to which time trade was dull. We quote prices this week as follows: Patents, \$1.50; Glenora, \$1.60; Argona, \$1.60; Manitoba makes \$1.30; XXXX, 90c to \$1.00 per sack of 48 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to dealers.

MILLET—Practically no bran could be obtained this week and shorts are almost equally scarce. Bran is quoted at \$11 and shorts at \$13 with \$1 off for large lots.

GROUND FEED—The quotation for best corn feed this week is \$21 per ton, inferior grades \$18 per ton. Cut chop is quoted at \$21 for best grades, the price having been advanced \$1 in sympathy with the strength in oat prices. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Oilcake, \$24 per ton.

OATS—There is no change in the market situation for this grain since last week. Good feed oats on track at Winnipeg are worth from 35 to 37c. Very few are being offered. Street oats are worth 32 to 34c. Choice milling oats are quoted nominally at 40c. None offering. Seed oats are being offered which were brought in from Ontario, but as the price is very high they are not meeting with a ready sale. Edmonton oats are also in the market for seed. Prices here are now pretty near on a level with what oats could be laid down at from the neighboring states on the south.

BAILEY—Quoted at 28 to 33c for cars here.

CORN—City dealers are paying 41 to 43c per bushel for car lots as to grade.

FLAX SEED—There is some demand for flax for seed purposes and a few lots have been handled by local dealers in a retail way at \$1.00 per bushel. Boady & Noakes and Livingstone, the two concerns which practically do the flax business of this country are supplying seed on contract at 80c per bushel, but this only in districts where they have warehouses and agents. Some seed is held in Winnipeg in independent hands, but it would have to be cleaned before using for seed.

WHEAT—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 52 to 55c for best grades of wheat.

OPMEAL—Rolled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.90 in 50 pound sacks to the retail trade. Car lots of imported meal are quoted at \$1.75 to \$1.80 cost on track here to importers.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality. Stocks are very light.

BUTTER—Dairy—The scarcity of creamery is making a large demand for choice fresh made dairy butter and dealers cannot obtain enough of the proper sort to meet the requirements of the trade. Farmers are beginning to offer butter more freely in the city to the retail trade, which somewhat curtails the demand from dealers in that direction, but they have sale in outside markets for all they can obtain. Held butter is plentiful and becoming less saleable every day. Prices asked by dealers remain unchanged at last week's quotations of 15 to 17c for fresh makes and 13 to 14c for held stocks. Butter made a very heavy decline in eastern markets this week. See Montreal telegrams.

CHEESE—The market for cheese is gaining strength as local stocks become reduced and eastern prices display a continued tendency to advance. We quote 10 to 10 1-2c per pound according to size, with some lots offering at lower figures.

EGGS—There is a good city demand for eggs which is supplemented by a growing demand from the west. Prices have fallen very little here yet but they must in a few days now that the weather is more springlike. The

top price now is 16c, which is being asked for choice fresh eggs.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are in good demand and firm in price. Parsnips are firmer at a slight advance in price. Asparagus has dropped a little owing to increase in supply. Potatoes, choice white, 45c per bushel; red, 40c; turnips, 25c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per pound; carrots, 10 to 12c; beets, 40c per bushel; cabbage, 2c per pound, onions 3 1-2c per pound; rhubarb, imported, 2c per pound; radish, parsley and lettuce 40c per dozen bunches, onions, 25c per dozen bunches.

SHEEP—None offering. About 10c represents the value.

HIDES—Outside markets continue weak and in relation to them Winnipeg prices are quoting a good price. The season for frozen hides is drawing to a close to the great relief of the trade. We quote: frozen hides, 6 to 6 1-2c, less 5 lbs. tare. Inspected hides, No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 to 6 1-2c; calf 5c; season, skins, 15c to 20c each. Sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c, as to length of wool, horsehides 50 to 75c each.

HAY—Winter baled hay is being moved into the market pretty strongly owing to the danger of heating and the demand is pretty well supplied for the moment. We quote good hay at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on track here.

POULTRY—The supply of poultry is very limited and there is a good demand for all kinds. Live chickens are quoted at 75 to 80c per pair, which is 10 to 15c higher than we quoted last week. Some ducks are being offered at 30 to 40c per pair. The stock of turkeys is in the hands of one or two dealers and is being very firmly held. We quote prices as follows: Live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair; dressed chickens, 10 to 12c per lb.; turkeys, 10 to 12; geese, 10c.

DRESSED MEATS—The local market is a little excited over a rise in prices for dressed beef, due to advances in the price for the live article and an increasing demand. The top price for fancy city dressed beef is now 8c, but the general price is about 7c per pound. Veal is stronger to the extent of 1-2c on the inside quotation. Fresh mutton is offering in a small way at 9 to 10c. In a week or two the market will be well supplied. We quote prices as follows: Beef, city dressed, 7 to 8c per pound, according to quality, frozen mutton, which is in limited supply, is held at 7 to 8c; fresh mutton, 9 to 10c; veal, 6 1-2 to 7c; hogs, 50c per 100 pounds for country and up to 6 1-2c for city dressed.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There is a good demand for fat stall fed cattle for city trade. Offerings are light. Prices have firm-ed up somewhat owing to the scarcity and the desire of dealers to render export trade unprofitable. One lot was shipped east this week consisting of about 100 head, but exporting might be unprofitable at present values. The demand for stockers continues. We quote: Choice fat cattle 4 to 4 1-2c with extra choice bringing 4 3-4c; stockers, yearlings, from \$10 to \$14; two year olds, \$18 to \$22, and three year olds from \$25 to \$35.

SHEEP—Frozen mutton still holds the market so well that there is very little demand for fresh. A few sheep have been killed this week. In another week or so the demand will

improve. Choice animals are worth about 4-12 to 5c per pound. Spring lambs, \$1.50 to \$5.00 each.

HOGS—A few odd lots have been in in this week, but practically speaking the market is bare. The ruling quotation is 4-12 to 4-3-4c.

MILCH COWS—Very scarce owing to farmers holding their cows for dairying purposes. From \$35 to \$40 is the ruling price for a good cow.

HORSES—Horses are coming in pretty freely in response to an active demand. Several carloads per week of southern horses are disposed of at prices ranging from \$200 to \$350 per team. Western range horses are also offering in considerable numbers.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 20c lower. Millfeed 25 to 50c lower, oats 1-2c lower, corn 1c lower, flax seed 3c lower, poultry 1c lower, hay 50c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.50 to \$3.60; second patents, \$3.30 to \$3.40.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.75 to \$10.25; bran in bulk, \$10.00 to \$10.50; corn feed, \$12.75 to \$14.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 27-1-4c.
Corn—Quoted at 30-1-4c; for No. 3 yellow, 30c for No. 3, and 28 to 29c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.
Flax seed—\$1.16 1-2 per bushel.
Eggs—12-1-2c to 13c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 9c.
Cheese—Choice to fancy, 11c to 13-1-2c, fair to good, 9 to 10c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 20c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 15c; dairy, 11 to 15c for choice to fancy; seconds, 13 to 13-1-2c.

Hides—Green salted hides, \$1-1c for No. 1; 7-1-4c for No. 2; green salted steers, 7-3-4 and \$3-4c; bulls, oxen and brans, 6 to 7-1-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c each; veal, calf, 9-1-4 to 10-3-4c; tallow, 3 to 4c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Apples—No. 1 stock, \$5.50 to \$6 per barrel, boxes, \$2 to \$2.25.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 7-1-2c; lamb 5 to 8-1-2c; veal, 6 to 9c; hogs, light, 4-1-2c, medium, 4-1-2c; heavy, 4 to 4-1-4c.

Poultry—Chickens, 9-1-2 to 11-1-2c; hens, 7 to 10c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 9 to 12c; ducks, 6 to 11c; geese, 5 to 10c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 45 to 60c; mixed, white, 43 to 48c; mixed, red, 38 to 43c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$7.50 to \$8.00 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, \$3.70 to \$3.75; sheep range, \$3.90 to \$5.25; cattle, stockers, \$3.40 to \$4.60; butchers' steers, \$4 to \$5; butchers' cows, \$2 to \$4.35.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Liverpool, April 3.—Owing to increased supplies of cattle and a limited demand, the tone of the market was weaker, and prices show a decline of 1-2c since this day week. Choice American cattle sold at 12c, Canadians at 11-1-2c.

London, April 3.—Trade was of a holiday character, and prices a shade lower. Choice Canadian cattle sold at 11-1-2c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 7.—Wheat, spot firm, No. 1 California 6s 4d to 6s 5d; No. 1 red northern spring 6s 1d.

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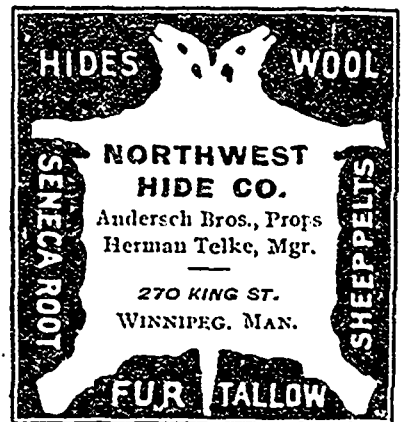
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Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2 15
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 25
Apples, gallons, (per doz.)	2 90
Black or Lawton berries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	1 85
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	2 50
Cherries, red, pitted, 25, 2 doz.	3 75
Peas, Marrowf-t, 25, 2 doz.	1 90
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 25
Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Pears, California, 25, 2 doz.	4 50
Pears, Bartlett, 35, 2 doz.	5 50
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	5 00
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	3 50
Peaches, California, 25, 2 doz.	5 00
Peaches, Canadian, 25, 2 doz.	5 00
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	2 75
Plums, California, 25, 2 doz.	4 50
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 20
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz, new.	3 10
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	2 15
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 00
Salmon, Colicos talls, 15, 4 doz.	7 50
Sardines, domestic 1/4s.	05 08
Sardines, imported, 1/4s.	09 15
Sardines, imported, 1/2s.	15 25
Sardines, imp. 1/4s, boneless.	20 31
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/4s.	10 12
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1 doz.	1 50
Imp. Kipperd Herrings, 15, 1 doz.	1 75
Imp. Herrings, Tom. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 90
Imp. " Anch. Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 80
Imp. " Shrimp Sauce 15, 1 doz.	1 90
Canned Meats	Per case.
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 00
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 60
Lunch Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 90
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 50
Lunch Tongue, U.S. 25, 1 doz.	6 75
Brwn, 25, 1 doz.	2 60
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	2 60
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	3 00
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15, 2 doz.	2 35
Potted Ham, 1/4s.	75
Devilled Ham, 1/4s.	75
Potted Tongue, 1/4s.	75
Potted Ham, 1/2s.	1 50
Devilled Ham, 1/2s.	1 50
Potted Tongue, 1/2s.	1 50
Coffee	Per pound.
Green Rio	0 1/2
Inferior grades	5/8 9
Cereals	Per sack
Split Peas, sack 95	2 50
Pat Barley, sack 95	2 50
Pearl Barley, sack 95	4 00
Roll Oatmeal, sack 80	1 95
Standard Oatmeal, sack 95	2 30
Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 30
Beans (per bushel)	1 40
Commeal, sack 95	1 25
Commeal, 1/4 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 65
Rice, B	4 1/2
Patna	5 1/2
Rice, Japan	5 1/2
Sago	4 1/2
Tapoca	5 1/2
Cigarettes	Per M
Old Judge	8 90
Athlete	8 90
Sweet Caporal	8 90
Sweet Sixteen	5 70
Derby	6 60
Cured Fish	
Boneless Hake, per lb	05 05 1/2
Collish, whole cases, 100 lbs.	6 00
Collish, Pure per lb	07 07 1/2
Herrings, in half-barrels	3 65
Dried Fruits	
Currants, new, Prov'l Bbls	05 1/2 6
Currants, Prov'l Cases	5 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Prov'l 1/2 Barrels	05 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Finatria, bbls	05 1/2 6 1/2
Currants, Finatria, cases	06 6 1/2
Currants, dried, cases	07 7 1/2
Dates, Cases	06 1/2 7 1/2
Figs, Erome, about 10 lb box	20 22
Figs, Globe, Box, per doz	3 30
Figs, Co. Lang, Box	09 06
Figs, boxes	12 1/2 13
Figs, Laport	05 1/2 06
Figs, Portuguese, boxes	07 08
Prunes, Bosnia, Cases	05 1/2 08
Sultana Raisins	13 13 1/2

Dried Fruits

	Per pound
Raisins, Val., fine, off stalk	1 45
Raisins, Selected, off stalk	1 50
Raisins, Val. Layers, per box	1 80
Loose Muscatels, 2 crown	08 1/2 5 1/4
Loose Muscatels, 4 crown	08 1/2 5 1/4
London Layer, 20 lb boxes	1 90
Apples, Dried	07 1/2 08
Evap Apples, finest quality	10 1/2 11
California Evaporated Fruits	
Peaches, peeled	17 18
Peaches, unpeeled	13 13 1/2
Pears	12 13
Apricots	17 18
Pitted Plums	0 1/2 10
Prunes, 100 to 120	5 1/2 6
Prunes, 90 to 100	6 0 1/2 7
Prunes, 80 to 90	6 1/2 7
Prunes, 70 to 80	7 1/2 8
Prunes, 60 to 70	8 1/2 9
Prunes, 40 to 50	10 11
Mutches	Per case
Telephone	3 45
Telephone	3 25
Tiger	3 10
Nuts	Per pound
Brazils	11 12 1/2
Taragon Almonds	14 15
Peanuts, roasted	11 1/2 12
Peanuts, green	9 10
Greenble Walnuts	14 15
French Walnuts	12 13
Sicily Filberts	10 11
Shelled Almonds	30 35
Syrup	
Extra Bright, per lb	30 33 1/2
Medium, per lb	27 1/2 30
Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins 60	6 25
Molasses, per gal. (New Or.)	3 20
" Porto Rico	40 40
" Barbadoes	45 50
Sugar	
Extra Standard Gran.	4 90
German Granulated	4 7 1/2
Extra Ground	3 7 1/2
Powdered	6 1/2 6 1/2
Bright Yellow Sugar	4 45 4 50
Maple Sugar	11 12
Salt	Per pound
Rock Salt	1 1/2 1 1/2
Common, fine	1 90 2 00
Common, coarse	1 90 2 00
Dairy, 100 3	3 25 3 50
Dairy, 60 5	3 15 3 30
Dairy, white duck sack	00 50
Common, fine jute sack	00 45
Spices	Per doz.
Assorted Herbs, 1/2 lb tins	75 90
Allspice, whole	18 20
Allspice, pure ground	18 22
Allspice, compound	15 18
Cassia, whole	18 20
Cassia, pure ground	20 25
Cassia, compound	13 18
Cloves, whole	17 20
Cloves, pure ground	27 30
Cloves, compound	18 20
Pepper, black, whole	14 15
Pepper, black, pure ground	16 18
Pepper, black, compound	10 13
Pepper, white, whole	23 25
Pepper, white, pure ground	28 30
Pepper, white, compound	18 20
Pepper, Cayenne	25 30
Ginger, whole, Jamaica	25 30
Ginger, whole, Cochim	20 25
Ginger, pure ground	23 25
Ginger, compound	15 25
Nutmegs, (per pound)	55 50
Mace (per pound)	00 1 25
Tens	Per pound
China Blacks—	
Choice	35 40
Medium	25 35
Common	13 20
Indian and Ceylon—	
Choice	33 40
Medium	25 33
Common	16 23
Young Hysons—	
Choice	35 45
Medium	25 35
Common	22 30
Japan—	
Finest May Picking	35 40
Choice	30 35
Fine	25 30
Good Medium	20 25
Common	15 20

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	Per pound
T. & B., 35, 45, and 95 Cads.	00 70
Lily, 55, cads.	00 61
Crescent, 55, cads.	00 58
T. & B. Black Chewing, 55, 65	00 64
T. & B. Mahogany Chewing, 55 or 16.	00 64
T. & B. 1-12 pkg, cut	00 55
T. & B. 1-5 pkg, cut	00 55
T. & B. in pouches, 1-4	00 55
T. & B. in 1-5 tins	00 56
T. & B. in 1/2 tins	00 56
T. & B. in 1/4 tins	00 53
Orinoco, 1-12 pkg.	00 51
Orinoco, 1-5 tins	00 50
Orinoco, 1/2 tins	00 56
Tucketts Cherub Cigarette	
1-12	00 87
Brier, 55, cads	00 63
Derby, 35 and 45, cads	00 65
Derby 55, cads	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Cads.	00 65
P. & W. Chewing, Butts	00 65
Tonka, 1/2 tins	00 68
Tonka, 1-12 pkg.	00 68
Canadian Leaf, 50 lb bales, very bright	21
Lower grades	10 1/2 12 1/2
Wooden Ware	Per doz.
Pails, 2 hoop clear	1 60 1 75
Pails, wire hoop	2 20 2 25
Pails, Star fibre	4 00
Tubs, No. 0 common	10 50 11 00
Tubs, No. 1 common	9 00 10 50
Tubs, No. 2 common	7 00 7 50
Tubs, No. 3 common	6 00 6 50
Tubs, nests (3)	1 55 1 65
Tubs, wire hoop (3)	2 25 2 40
Tubs, fibre, No. 0	16 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 1	14 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 2	12 50
Tubs, fibre, No. 3	10 50
Butts, fibre, (3)	3 20
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (2)	45 50
Butter Tubs, wire hoop (3)	75 80
CURED MEATS AND LARD	
Lard, pure leaf, kettle rend.	\$1 80
Lard, pure leaf, steam rend.	1 65
Lard, imported, 20 lbs	1 60
Lard, pure, in 3, 5 and 10 lb tins, per case of 60 lbs	5 50
Lard, pure, Tierces, per lb	8
Lard, 50 lb tubs	5
Lard, Compound, 20 lb pails	1 35
Lard, Compound, 3 and 5 lb tins, case 60 lbs	5 00
Smoked Meats	per lb.
Hams	10 1/2
Breakfast bacon, bellies	10 1/2
Breakfast bacon, backs	10 1/2
Spiced rolls	07
Shoulders	8 1/2
Long Clear	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meats	
Long clear bacon	8 1/2
Shoulders	8 1/2
Short Clear	9
Backs	9
Barrel Pork	Per barrel
Heavy mess	16 00 17 00
Short cut	16 50 17 50
Meat Sundries	
Fresh pork sausage, lb	5
Bologna sausage, lb	7
Pickled pigs feet, kits	1 40
Sausage casings, lb	25 30
FRESH FISH, OYSTERS	
Whitefish, lb, nominal	07
Pickered, lb	01
Trout, lb	09
Pike, lb	02
Balmon, lb	12
S. C. halibut, lb	15
Smelts, lb	12
Cod	05
Haddock	05
Smoked goldeyes, doz	45
Smoked haddies	05
Bloaters, per box	1 50
Salt Whitefish, per 1/2 bbl	6 50
Salt Trout, per 1/2 bbl	7 50
Oysters, extras	2 25
Oysters, select, per gal	2 00
Oysters, standards	1 50
Oysters, cans, each	40
Shell Oysters, bbls	6 50

DRUGS

Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for unbroken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2 4 1/4
Alcohol, gal	5 25 5 50
Bleaching Powder, lb	05 07 1/2
Bluestone, lb	07 1/2 08
Bluestone, barrel lots	07 07 1/2
Borax	09 10
Bomide Potash	75 80
Camphor	75 80
Cauphor, ounces	75 80
Carbolic Acid	35 60
Castor Oil	15 20
Chlorate Potash	18 20
Citric Acid	45 50
Copperas	03 1/2 04
Cocaine, oz	95 5 25
Creum Tartar, lb	25 34
Cloves	20 25
Epsom Salts	03 05
Extract Logwood, bulk	14 18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18 20
German Quinine	55 60
Glycerine, lb	20 25
Ginger, Jamaica	30 35
Ginger, African	20 25
Howard's Quinine, oz.	62 70
Iodine	4 75 5 00
Insect Powder	30 35
Morphia, sul.	1 90 2 25
Opium	4 75 5 25
Oil, olive	1 25 1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25 1 40
Oil, lemon, super	1 60 1 80
Oil, peppermint	2 00 2 40
Oil, cod liver, gal.	1 25 1 75
Oxalic Acid	14 16
Potash Iodide	3 75 4 00
Paris Green, lb	20 22
Salt petre	05 10
Sal Rochelle	30 35
Shellac	35 40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2 04
Sulphur Holl, keg	3 1/2 04
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75 4 25
Salt Soda	00 3 00
Tartaric Acid, lb	40 45
Strychnine, pure crystals, oz.	85 1 00
LEATHER	Per pound
Harness, oak	39
Harness, union oak No. 1	31
Harness, union oak No. 1 R.	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1, anchor brand	32
Harness, hemlock No. 1 R. anchor brand	31
Harness, hemlock country tannage, No. 1	30
Do., No. 1 R	32
Black collar leather	36
American Oak Sole	40
Sole, union oak	40
Listowell, sole	26 28
Penetang, sole	27 30
Acton Sole	26 29
B. F. French calf	25 1 30
B. F. French kip	95 1 15
Canada calf	65 80
Canada Calf, Niagara	80 90
Niagara Brand Kip	65 75
Wax upper	44 48
Grain upper per foot	30 50
Kangaroo, per foot	25 41
Dolgora, per foot	25 41
Dolgora, bright	30 30
Bag sheepskins, per doz.	5 00
FUEL	
Coal	
These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city, or 50c per ton less at the yards, except western anthracite nut size, which is 40c less at the yards.	Per ton
Pennsylvania anthracite—	
Stove, nut or lump	9 00
Pen size	7 00
Canadian anthracite, stove	8 50
Canadian anthracite, nut	7 00
Lethbridge bituminous	7 50
Crow's Nest bituminous	7 50
U. S. bituminous, as to mine	7 00
Souris Lignite	4 50
Souris, car lots F.O.B. mines	1 50
Blossburg smiting	9 50
Cordwood	
These are prices for car lots, on track	Per cord
Winnipeg	
Tamarac	4 00 4 25
Pine	3 00 3 40
Spruce	2 75 3 00
Poplar, green cut dry	2 40 2 75
Poplar, dead cut	2 00 2 25
Oak, green cut dry body	4 00 4 45
Oak, dead cut	3 75 4 25
Minnesota Hard Maple	6 00
Minnesota Oak	5 00

The Commercial Men.

C. F. Williams, representing R. Ralston & Co., Hamilton, was in the city this week.

Chas. Flucs, of Montreal, was in the city this week, on one of his regular western trips.

H. Kite, of the W. E. Sanford Co., went west on Wednesday with his fall trade samples.

Geo. Schmarr, representing the Merchants' Button Co., of Waterloo, Ont., was in the city this week.

Geo. W. Greenice, representative of Slveiman, Boulter & Co., Montreal, is in the city this week.

W. B. Dalton, of Caulfield, Henderson & Burns, wholesale men's furnishings, Toronto, was in Winnipeg this week.

E. Woelfy, representing Chas. A. Ahrens & Co., boots and shoes, Berlin, Ont., spread out his samples in apartments in the Sanford block this week.

Messrs. Rough and Roxall, western representatives of John Macdonald & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, are expected to arrive from the east today with their fall samples.

R. R. Gallagher, western representative of Greenshields, Son & Co., arrived from Montreal the beginning of the week, and will shortly proceed west with fall trade samples.

P. Dickson, western representative of Herman H. Wolff & Co., Montreal, is opening his fall samples this week in the Sanford block. His samples include the C. P. corset this year.

C. O. Douglas, representing Chas. Reid & Co., Toronto, has opened a permanent sample room in the Nanton block, Winnipeg, and will carry a stock here for the sorting trade.

A. E. Waldron and W. C. Cooper, of McGlashan & Waldron, Winnipeg, will go out shortly with their holiday trade samples of fancy goods, including a very fine line of Japanese goods.

E. H. Taaffe, western representative of Tooke Bros., was opening his fall samples this week at his rooms in the Ashdown block, and will shortly take the road with a full range for the fall trade.

G. M. Newton will assist R. R. Gallagher on the road here again this season. Mr. Gallagher has secured very fine quarters in the new McIntyre block, which he hopes to occupy very soon.

Noah Rosen, representing The Canadian Underwear Company, of Montreal, left this week for a trip over the main line west in the interests of his house. This firm has opened sample rooms in Winnipeg.

C. F. Osler has arrived from Montreal to act as assistant to F. G. Crawford, in representing Gault Bros. & Co. on the road here. W. M. Cross, who lately held this position, contemplates embarking in business on his own account.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 7.—Market dull and lower. Canadian cattle 11 to 12c per pound estimated dressed weight. Sheep 13 to 14c.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, April 7.—Beet firm and dearer; April option 10s 21-4d; May 10s 3d.

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New York Wheat

New York, April 3.—Wheat — Receipts 35,200 bushels, exports 51,998 bushels. Options opened strong but became top heavy and under subsequent vigorous bear attacks, declined sharply. Attendant features were light export demand and disappointing visible supply reduction and small leanerance. Closed weak at 1 1/2 to 1 5/8 decline from Saturday's official close.

New York, April 4.—Wheat — Receipts 15,200 bushels; exports, 39,431 bushels. Options were weak on cable news, foreign selling and better tone. The crowd over-sold, however, and in the last hour covered shorts on news of higher Northwest markets, leaving the final tone firmer, although 1-8 to 5-8c below last night. The seaboard clearances and the import trade were small.

New York, April 5. — Wheat, receipts 1,500 bushels; exports, 42,991 bushels. Options opened steady on cables. They later declined under liquidation and fine western weather, but had an afternoon recovery on a bad scare of shorts, attended by export rumors and unfavorable Kansas crop news. Closed strong at 1c to 1 1/8c net advance.

New York, April 6. — Wheat, receipts were 5,600 bushels; exports, 172,707 bushels. Options opened firm and sustained an irregular advance on bad crop news and foreign buying. In the afternoon, bear traders, gaining courage through small clearances, and export interest, attacked the market with success. It broke a cent from the top and closed easy at a partial 1-8c net advance.

New York, April 7.—Wheat, May opened 77 3/8c, closed 76 7/8 to 3-4c.

New York, April 8.—Wheat closed today as follows: May, 76 3/8c; July, 76c.

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 of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, April 3.—Wheat, May opened 73 3/8c, closed 71 7/8 to 72c b. July opened 73 1/2c, closed 72 to 1-8c a. Corn, May opened 35 1-4c, closed 34 7-8c b. July opened 36 to 35 7-8c, closed 34 5-8c a. Sept. opened 36 1-2 to 36 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 26 3-4c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 1-2 to 5-8c. Ribs, May opened \$4.75 b, closed \$4.75 b. July opened \$4.87 to \$4.90, closed \$4.87. Pork, May opened \$9.12, closed \$9.10 b. July opened \$9.25, closed \$9.22 to \$9.25. Lard, opened \$5.27 b, closed \$5.27 b. July opened \$5.45, closed \$5.42 a.

Chicago, April 4.—Holiday.

Chicago, April 5.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 73c a. July opened 72 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 72 3-4c. Corn, May opened 34 7-8 to 5-8c, closed 35c a. July opened 35 5-8c, closed 35 5-8c b. Sept. opened 36 1-4c a, closed 36 1-4c b. Oats, May opened 26 1-2c, closed 26 5-8c. July opened 25 1-2c, closed 25 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.12 1-2c, closed \$9.25. July opened \$9.25, closed \$9.37 1-2c.

Chicago, April 6.—Wheat, May opened 73 3-4c, closed 72 5-8c. July opened 72 3-4c a, closed 72 3-4c. Corn, May opened 35c a, closed 34 7-8c a. July opened 35 5-8c, closed 35 1-2c. Sept. opened 36 1-4c b, closed 36 1-8c. Oats, May opened 26 5-8c, closed 26 3-4c. July opened 25 7-8c, closed 26 b. Pork, May opened \$9.25, closed \$9.25 b. July opened \$9.37 1-2c, closed \$9.37 1-2c.

Chicago, April 7.—Wheat, May opened

72 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 71 3-4c b. July opened 72 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 72 1-8c a. Corn, May 34 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 34 1-2c. July opened 35 1-8 to 1-2c, closed 35 1-4c a. Sept. opened 36 1-8c, closed 35 7-8c. Oats, May opened 26 3-4c, closed 26 1-2c. July opened 26 1-8c, closed 25 5-8c. Sept. opened 24 3-8c, closed 24 1-8c. Pork, May opened \$9.25 b, closed \$9.27 1-2c a. July opened \$9.37 1-2c, closed \$9.40 a.

Chicago, April 8.—Wheat opened at 72 1-4c for May, and ranged downward to 71c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May, 71c; July 71 3-8c.
Corn—May 34 1-4c, July 34 7-8c.
Oats—May, 26 1-4c; July, 25 1-8c.
Pork—May, \$9.27 1-2; July \$9.37 1-2.
Lard—May, \$5.27 1-2; July \$5.42 1-2.
Ribs—May \$4.75; July \$4.87 1-2.

A week ago May option closed at 72 3-4c, a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.06, two years ago at 66c, three years ago at 64 5-8c, four years ago at 55c, and five years ago at 61 3-8c.

Stock Market Excitement.

New York, April 7.—The scene of the stock exchange floor this morning was one of wild confusion. Brokers were unable to secure further margins on many properties, and were obliged to sacrifice them to protect themselves.

The volume of business was tremendous and the selling movement obtained more momentum as time progressed. The manifest indifference of what is termed "the inside interest" to secure the course of their specialties aroused the apprehension of the holders of numerous industrial securities, which have been quoted of late. Consequently the declines were most serious in properties of this class, and an additional incentive to the selling was produced by the conservative attitude which the banks had taken toward this collateral. The loan market has reflected the disfavor with which this class of securities is viewed by banking interests, the quotations of the past few days showing a stringency and being anywhere from 2 to 5 points above the figures asked for advances on standard railway stocks. The market was in a panic condition.

During the course of the one and a half hours' trading such declines as the following occurred: Brooklyn Transit 16; Tobacco and Air Brake 10 each; Federal Steel preferred and Manhattan 9 each; Metropolitan 12 1-2; Sugar 14; People's Gas 12; Federal Steel common 7 1-2; Tennessee Coal and Iron 6; National Steel 8; Continental Tobacco 6; American Steel and Wire and Consolidated Gas 6 each, and International Paper stocks four.

The railways, after an early show of strength, broke violently, in sympathy with the specialties, the high class stocks losing over 3 points.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 71 1-8c, July 72 1-8c.
Tuesday—May 70 3-4c, July 71 7-8c.
Wednesday—May 71 3-4, July 72 7-8.
Thursday—May 71 3-4, July 72 7-8c.
Friday—May 71c, July 72 1-8c.
Saturday—May, 70 1-4c; July, 71 1-2c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 71 3-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at \$1; two years ago May option closed at 66 7-8c; three years ago at 63 3-8c; four years ago at 60 1-4c, and five years ago at 61 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

London, April 8.—Wheat closed 3-8d higher.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, April 8.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 69c for May, and 70 1-8c for July; cash, No. 1 northern, 70 1-8c; cash No. 2, northern, 69 1-8c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The local market was very dull and closed weak and nominally lower, in sympathy with the decline to-day at Chicago, where the market was weak in spite of plentiful bad crop reports from Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky and other states. No. 1 hard was quoted early in the day at 70c, but at the close buyers would have been scarce at 69 1-2c Fort William.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, April 8.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.22 for cash and May \$1.21.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial; Montreal, April 4.
Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 200 head, 35 sheep and lambs.

The market was a quiet one, as usual the first market after Easter, and there were not buyers even for the small number offered. Lower prices were accepted. Choice cattle sold at 5 to 5 1-4c; good at 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, and lower grades at 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c. Sheep sold at 3 1-2 to 4c; yearlings at 4 1-2 to 5c.

At the Grand Trunk Stock Yards the demand was good for hogs offered at \$4.40 to \$4.60 per cwt., as to quality, selected lots touching \$4.75.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 7.
At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 150 head. Very few sheep offered.

The cattle market continued quiet, butchers being well stocked, consequently they were slow buyers. The best cattle sold at 4 1-2 to 5c, and the general run ranged from 3 to 4c. Mixed lots of sheep and yearlings sold at 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c. Spring lambs \$3 to \$5 each. Hogs held at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c.

R. J. Campbell, of Sutherland & Campbell, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, returned from a trip east this week.

Thos. Ryan returned to Winnipeg from a business trip east this week.

J. T. Gordon, of Gordon & Ironsides, arrived this week from a holiday trip to the south and east.

The Modern Miller says the week has been very unfavorable in the winter wheat belt. Rains and sunshine are needed in Texas.

If the fine weather which set in toward the close of the week continues for a few days, seeding will commence early next week.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 8.

Dry goods—Quiet, owing to unsettled weather. All lines very firm. Toronto buyers in Europe getting fall goods write that to-day's prices are all changed to-morrow, and in some instances manufacturers will not quote at all. This indicates that values will be higher on fall goods. The Merchants' Cotton company's new price list cut to-day shows an advance of 5 to 7 1-2 per cent in grey and bleached cottons. Other mills will likely advance soon.

Hardware—More active and prices continue to advance. Planes are up twenty per cent. All cast iron hardware has advanced 10 to 33 1-3 per cent including an advance of twenty per cent on loose pin cast butts, barn door hinges, screws, Mrs Potts' sad irons. Thumb catches 33 1-3 per cent higher. Sisal and manilla ropes 1-2c per pound dearer. Montreal manufacturers have advanced prices of cut tacks and bolts this week. Wire nails are firm. Pig lead is unsettled. Turpentine and linseed oil are higher. Pumice stone is 50c per barrel lower.

Groceries—Quiet. All Canadian refined sugars advanced 10c per hundred to-day. Redpath granulated is now \$4.63 at Toronto; yellow from \$4.03 up. Corn and peas are very firm; tomatoes uncertain, but easier; canned salmon slow, and teas as firm as ever.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 4.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 46 carloads including 200 sheep and lambs, and 800 hogs.

Export cattle—Heavy export cattle were quoted at \$1.75 to \$5; one bunch bringing \$5.10. Export bulks, \$3.75 to \$1.25. Light were steady at \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Butchers' cattle—Prices were firmer for choice, selections being quoted 25c higher at \$1.25 to \$1.75. Common and medium which were in large supply, were easier at \$3.15 to \$4; inferior \$1.

Stockers and feeders—Stockers were easier; heavy stockers 10c lower at \$3.40 to \$4 for choice selections. Feeders easier at \$1 to \$1.50.

Sheep and lambs—Prices unchanged. Lambs 10c per cwt lower at \$1.50 to \$5 per cwt. Sheep \$1.50 per cwt. Bucks \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Hogs—Prices unchanged from Friday. Choice selections, \$1.37 1-2. Light \$1. thick fat, \$3.75; sows, \$3; stags, \$2.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 7.

Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day was 65 carloads of all kinds, including 1,200 hogs.

Cables quote cattle lower and the local market followed. Heavy exports here were 10c lower than on Tuesday at \$1.40; Butchers' choice cattle weaker, at \$1.25 to \$1.60. Bulls easier. Stockers were lower at \$3.25 to \$3.65. Hogs steady and unchanged. Sheep same as on Tuesday.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 8.

Manitoba damp wheat patent flour is offering at \$3.80. Prices are steady for flour. Wheat is dull and Manitoba unchanged. Ontario winter wheat is 2c lower. Eggs are scarce and higher. Other lines unchanged. Prices are:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.10; Manitoba bakers, \$3.90; Manitoba

dried wheat patents offering at \$3.80; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per barrel, Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 68c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 81c; grinding in transit.

Oats—White, 30c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 45 to 46c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton, bran \$13.00 to \$14.00 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.60 in bags per barrel, and \$3.70 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 17 to 18c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—Choice 11c.

Hides—Green, 81-4c for No. 1, and 7 1-4c for No. 2. Cured hides, 83-4c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 1 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 13 to 15c; unwashed 9c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5.20 to \$5.30 per 100 lbs. for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 6c for round lots; evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6c in bulk; tins, 6 to 7c; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 11 to 13c; chickens, 6 to 8c a pair; geese, 7 to 8c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.50; alsike, \$3 to \$4.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 8.

Oats are firm and 1-2c higher again this week. Flour unchanged. Millfeed and meal steady. Hides dull. Sheepskins advanced 5c. Tallow 1-4c lower. Receipts of eggs have continued light, and prices are 2c higher for fresh.

There has been a big slump in butter, owing to the large output of fresh butter from the factories which are now in operation, prices being 1 to 2c lower all around. Cheese holds firm, but is nominal owing to scarcity. Stocks are about exhausted for export purposes. Potatoes are higher again. Dressed beef is 1-2 to 1c higher, mutton 1 1-4c higher, higher, hogs 1-4c higher.

Oats—No. 2 white, 34 to 34 1-2 in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.90, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton, shorts, \$16 50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2 71-2c; No. 3, 61-2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins, 10c; tallow, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 16 to 17 per dozen.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 13 to 14c, rolls 14 to 14 1-2c, held stock 8 to 12c.

Butter—Creamery—Tubs, 18 to 18 1-2.

Cheese—Choice western, 11 1-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 70c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10c. Ducks, 6 to 8c; geese, 3 to 4c; chickens 6 to 8c.

Dressed Meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 7 to 9c, fore, 4 to 5 1-2c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$6.25, country dressed \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 pounds to retail dealers. Mutton 7 to 8c; lambs 9 to 10c per pound.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 8.

The grocery market is steady at the following prices:

Granulated sugar quoted at \$14 1/2 per 100 pounds at refineries' yellow, \$3.85 to \$4.25; molasses, 31c in car lots syrups, 13-4 to 2 1-4c as to quality; Valencia raisins, 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B., 3 3-4 to 4c.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, April 8.

In consequence of the importation of potatoes, Chinese and other local holders have been offering freely and prices are down \$2 per ton, and are expected to go lower, now that the decline has started. Eggs are lower. Fresh local eggs have declined 3 to 5c per dozen, and case eggs are 4 to 5c lower. California creamery is in the market at lower prices. Dairy butter is 2c lower. Cured hog products and lard are 1-2c lower. Oranges are up 50c per box, owing to higher prices in California.

Butter—California creamery, 24@25c; Manitoba dairy, 16@18c.

Eggs—Local, 20@22c; case eggs, 17 @18c per dozen.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12 1/2c, jobbers price.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$28.00 per ton, California silver skin onions, 1 1/2c, cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruit—California lemons, \$3.25 @ \$3.50 box; apples, \$1.25 @ \$1.50 per 50 lb. box; navel oranges \$3.50 @ \$3.75 box; seedlings, \$2.50 @ \$2.75 box.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.70; strong bakers \$4.30; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, \$21.00 @ \$22.00 per ton wheat, \$23.00 @ \$25.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 8@8 1/2c, mutton 13c; pork 8@9c; veal 10@11c.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2 80; 2 1/2 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 2 1/2 pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., April 8.

Choice held creamery butter is about out of the market here. Fresh eastern creamery is offering at 25 to 26c. Eggs are scarce. Fresh eggs imported from the States are offering at 23c per dozen. The market is bare of potatoes, and prices have advanced enormously. Dairy butter is 1 to 2c lower. Held creamery lower. Pickled eggs 4c lower. Fresh eggs 2c lower. Oats \$2 per ton higher. Flour 15c lower per barrel.

Following are jobbers prices here: Creamery held—21 to 24c. Creamery, fresh eastern—25 to 26c. Dairy, selected—17c.

Cheese, large—11c.

Cheese, small—12 to 12 1-2c.

Eggs, fresh—23c.

Eggs, pickled—18c.

Oats—Per ton, \$60.

Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel,

\$4.85.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$25.