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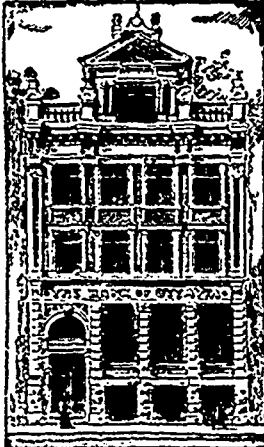
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Quick Assets	\$ 2,432,135.38	\$ 8,274,162.14	Capital paid in	\$ 1,114,300.00	\$ 1,760,900.00
Loans and bills discounted.	5,903,094.20	11,270,924.09	Reserve undivided profits..	572,973.81	2,193,138.57
Other assets	44,956.41	74,669.61	Notes in circulation	1,325,270.68	1,670,368.50
Bank premises	94,975.77	* 18,640.59	Other liabilities..	194,238.36	198,632.96
	\$ 8,475,161.76	\$ 19,638,396.43	Deposits	5,268,378.91	13,815,358.40
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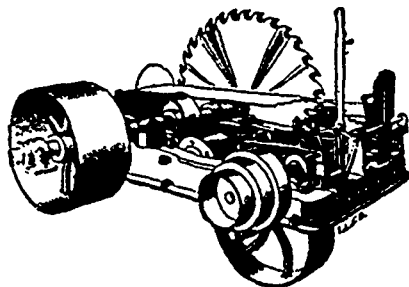
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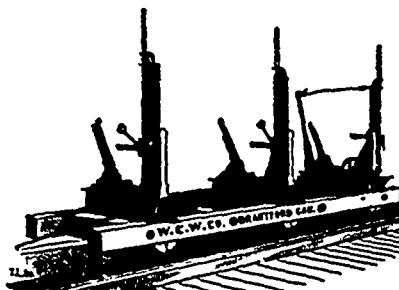
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 28, 1900.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES.

Some years ago, after certain amendments had been secured to the Manitoba laws relating to creditor and debtor, it was believed that preferences were practically abolished. At that time the chattel mortgage was considered a comparatively harmless thing, so far as it related to merchants. Of late, however, many painful experiences have transpired, where the chattel mortgage has been used to practically defraud creditors of their rights. We say defrauded of their rights, because we believe that to give one creditor a preference over another, is wrong in principle and works a grievous injustice to other creditors.

While in some respects Manitoba law is very fair in the matter of preferences, in the case of the chattel mortgage the law is about as bad as it could be. In the first place, the law does not compel the registration of chattel mortgages. This seems a very bad feature to start with, for it seems a good principle to declare, that anything in the nature of a preference should be recorded at once. A man may be considered a sound and thoroughly responsible person, and may be virtually carrying on business on his supposedly good credit standing, while at the same time some favored creditor holds a preferred claim in the form of a chattel mortgage on all his property—or rather, the property on which his credit is partially at least based, and which should be available to all creditors alike. The principle of permitting secret preferences to exist for years, seems thoroughly wrong.

The next important feature in regard to chattel mortgages is the ab-

surd doctrine of pressure, as embodied in Manitoba law. We have laws against preferences, but in the case of chattel mortgages the doctrine of pressure prevails. If the debtor can declare that he gave the preference under pressure, and the favored creditor corroborates the evidence, then the mortgage is adjudged good, against the claims of other creditors. It is easy to see how fraudulent or unfair preferences can be given where this doctrine is recognized in the law. A creditor may go to his debtor, and winking one eye may say: "I must have a settlement of this account at once or I will take legal proceedings against you." The debtor, with a wink of the other eye, may reply: "Oh, I don't want to be sued. It would ruin my credit. I am all right and will get everything straightened out in time." Mr. Creditor can then say: "Then you must give me security. I demand a chattel mortgage on your stock, or I will proceed at once against you." That is all that is necessary under the Manitoba law, to enable any creditor to give a preferred claim to a favored creditor, which cannot be set aside. The creditor gets his mortgage and can carry it around in his pocket as a secret preference. He may smile to himself as he sees the debtor get in a large stock of new goods, knowing that it only increases his security.

Take another instance of the peculiarity of the law in regard to chattel mortgages. A merchant gets into close quarters and is unable to meet his liabilities. A creditor has faith in this man. Believes him to be a good man and concludes that with assistance he will pull through all right. He advances his debtor some money to pay off pressing claims held against him by others and supplies him liberally with goods, taking a chattel mortgage on the stock. The creditor, however, has committed an error of judgment. The debtor, instead of pulling himself together, only gets deeper in the financial mire, and finally is compelled to assign. This chattel mortgage would be called a fraudulent preference and would be voided under our law, because not obtained by pressure.

This will indicate the absurdity of this doctrine of pressure. Preferences should be made impossible, as applied to the assets of business men, and it should not be a difficult matter to make them so. What is required is a fair and impartial distribution of insolvent estates, and a law securing this would be in the interest of both jobbers and retailers. As the law now stands there is a temptation to the creditor to take advantage of the debtor and press him into giving an unfair preference. On the other hand, the debtor has it in his power to give

an unfair preference to a favored one. The complete annihilation of preference would certainly improve the position of both retailers and jobbers—at least those of them who wish to be honorable and straightforward in their dealings.

The new legislature of Manitoba will confer a benefit upon the business community by abolishing chattel mortgage preferences. Of course, the chattel mortgage has its use, as for instance when given on a specific article or articles under certain circumstances. It is not necessary to abolish chattel mortgages entirely, but to prevent their use as a means of giving one creditor a preference over another. Provision for the early registration of chattel mortgages should also be made.

RULES OF THE ROAD.

A good deal of attention is being paid to bicycle riders in Winnipeg lately. At almost every session of the police court, a number of persons have been fined for riding at night without a lamp, riding without a bell, or for riding on sidewalks. While the enforcement of these rules may be perfectly proper, there are other and even more important features in connection with riding and driving on the streets in Winnipeg which are utterly disregarded. In Winnipeg there is absolutely no attempt to observe any rules of the road in riding bicycles or driving vehicles on the streets. Persons coming here from other cities seem bewildered at the reckless and slovenly manner in which people drive about the streets. Half grown boys dash about the streets with delivery wagons, utterly regardless of any rule as to the side of the street. In turning a corner it seems to be almost the invariable custom of both bicycle riders and drivers of vehicles to graze the curb as closely as possible, either to the right or the left, according to the way they may be going. This is a particularly dangerous custom, especially since the bicycle came into such general use. Several collisions have occurred on account of the lack of observance of any rules in riding and driving on the streets, and many narrow escapes are continually taking place. The city papers in reporting a recent accident, whereby a bicycle rider was very seriously injured in a collision with a vehicle, said that neither parties were to blame. The fact is, that either one or the other was on the wrong side of the street or the collision could not have occurred in the manner it did. The authority which permits this lack of system is responsible indirectly for such accidents. While the authorities are busy enforcing rules regarding the use of lamps, bells, etc., they should not neglect these other

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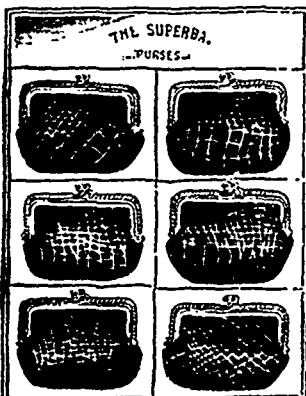
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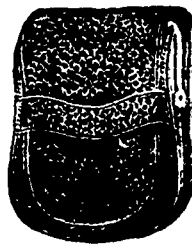
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Winnipeg is still putting down cedar block pavement which has proved so unsatisfactory here in the past. If considered only from a sanitary point of view the objections against wooden block pavements seem strong enough to condemn the use of this material for paving purposes. A paper read before the association of Medical Health officers of Ontario, has the following to say about cedar pavement:

"The round blocks of irregular diameter are merely the untreated wood still carrying the bark. These, placed on a bed of sand are under the most favorable conditions possible for decay, being constantly exposed to moisture, air and warmth. With no preservative treatment they are enabled to absorb to the fullest extent forms of liquid street filth, when in the process of putrefaction, feeds on the organic matter of the wood. The surface, which quickly becomes uneven retains a large quantity of loose matter subject to decay, the whole giving rise at times to noxious odors. The effects, were sufficient of such paving used, would be to subject us to the conditions favorable to marsh fever. From a sanitary standpoint the cedar block pavement of this country would indicate a serious menace to health."

The Ontario provincial instructor in road making, says: "The real life of cedar block paving will average only about seven years. Up to that time the surface is moderately smooth. Many of these pavements are allowed to stand, however, for ten or twelve years, at the end of which time they become almost impassable, for the last half of their existence having received constant repairs, the cost of which is very great. Except for a few years after construction, cedar block makes a very rough road surface, is temporary, dirty, unsanitary, expensive to repair, and the appearance is unsatisfactory. This is the result of Canadian experience with cedar block."

CITY ROADS.

While the question of the improvement of the country roads leading into the city is receiving so much attention, would it not be well to consider the improvement of that portion of the "country" roads within the city boundaries. The city boundaries of Winnipeg extend well out into the country in some directions. There are almost miles of roads within the city limits, leading into the city proper, which are in bad shape. The important Portage avenue road, for instance, is an example of this nature. A long stretch of this road within the city boundary is in very bad shape. In fact one of the worst portions of this road for the first ten miles from the city proper, is within the city limits. During the wet weather last year this section of the

road was practically flooded, though a short cut would have let the water off into the Assiniboine river.

Winnipeg City Council.

At the regular meeting of the city council held on Monday evening it was decided to proceed with a long list of local improvements such as side-walks, sewers, pavements, etc., which are much needed. The works department was authorized to purchase 43,811 feet of 4 and 6 inch water pipe at an estimated cost of \$27,000. The tender of the Stovel Company for lithographing was accepted, also the tenders of McIntyre Bros. for printing, of Bulman Bros. for engraving, and of C. H. Black for stationery. The tender of D. E. Sprague for the supply of 560,000 to 1,150,000 feet of lumber was accepted; the tender of W. F. Lee for supply of sewer pipe, of Guilbault & Cote for wood; and the tender of the Winnipeg Rubber Co. for supply of rubber belting and hose. The tenders of several local jobbing concerns for the supply of hardware, oils, white and red lead, dynamite, etc., were accepted each being allotted the orders on which their prices were lowest.

Brandon Board of Trade.

The Brandon board of trade held its regular quarterly meeting on Friday evening, the 20th inst. The meeting was well attended. The action of the council in regard to freight rates was reported upon. Representation has been made to the C. P. R. with a view to securing the same rates as Winnipeg. The matter of a daily train service on the Souris branch was also reported upon, the concession having been secured from the C. P. R. Better train service on the Great Northwest Central line has also been arranged for. The council reported that it was taking steps to secure the construction of a railway northwest from Brandon by the provincial government since the Northern Pacific Railway Company had refused to build. A large deputation to wait on the government is being arranged for.

The Banana Trade.

It may interest dealers in green fruit throughout the country to know that this season's banana trade is to be governed by a combine of United States importers which has adopted the most stringent sort of regulations. This concern is doing business as The Fruit Dispatch Company, and all bananas coming into this market have to be purchased through it. In a recent circular to the trade it declares that it will only sell to jobbers of recognized probity. Prices will be fixed for each week on Monday morning and all orders not filled by midnight Sunday will be cancelled or only filled subject to the next week's prices. Only a cash business is done. It will be seen from the foregoing that prices at which bananas are sold here are practically fixed by southern importers, and it is not possible for jobbers to buy so as to offer better prices than a competitor.

Large quantities of land are being bought this spring from the C. P. R. and other companies and individuals owning land in Manitoba and the Territories.

Anderson Produce Co.

The report which has been quite freely circulated of late that the Anderson Produce Co., Winnipeg, intended retiring from business, is not correct. The Commercial has been authorized to make the statement that the company has no intention of giving up business. Some changes have taken place in the management of the company and in the system of doing business, but this has not been done with the intention of withdrawing from the trade. J. H. Anderson, until recently manager of the company, has retired from connection with the business. A change will also be made in the mode of soliciting business. Fewer travellers will be kept on the road. It is expected that country traders will make consignments to the company without necessitating so much personal solicitation, while the saving made in travelling expenses will enable the company to handle goods entrusted to them to the best advantage. Some changes in connection with the branches have also been decided upon, some of the unprofitable branches being withdrawn. In other respects the business will be continued as heretofore, and all consignments will be carefully handled and returns made promptly. The fruit business will be continued, as the company has premises well adapted for this business, but particular attention will be given to the produce department, in handling butter, eggs, etc. The Anderson Produce Co., like most other concerns handling similar goods, met with some losses last year, owing to season peculiarities, etc., but these have been provided for. The company is composed of well known, responsible business men, and they have no intention of throwing up the sponge on account of meeting with a few losses, such as all business concerns are at times subject to.

New Premises.

The Montreal firm of Matthews, Towers & Co., so well known throughout the west as a leading house of the country in men's furnishings, have been compelled to seek larger premises and will no longer be found by customers visiting Montreal in the Board of Trade building. The quarters there have become altogether too confined and they have moved to the building at 14 St. Helen street, where they will have much more commodious premises. With a frontage of 30 feet on St. Helen, extending back for fully 80 feet, and five floors of that area, they have now one of the spacious mercantile establishments of Montreal, covering some 12,000 square feet of floor space. The firm confine themselves strictly to the men's furnishing trade, handling every class of domestic and imported lines in that branch, and may now be considered a leading house of Canada in that particular line. This house from the first has always held a firm grip upon the western trade, and at present S. C. Matthews, of this firm, is now in the west showing fall samples. This gentleman's connection with the west dates away back into the early eighties, when in his visits he had some of the tough experiences of early days, such as the commercial man of the present day does not encounter in his travels now. Mr. Matthews is only one out of seven travelling men which the firm now keep on the road, which gives an idea of the magnitude to which the wholesale trade in men's furnishing goods has grown in the Dominion.

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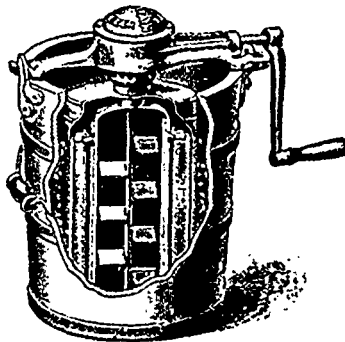
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The Macleod branch railway leaves the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad at Calgary and runs south for a distance of 107 miles, where it connects with the Crow's Nest Pass Railway at Macleod Station. This is a purely ranching district and is very thinly settled, the only towns being at Okotoks, which is a small place, having two general stores, and High River, where there is one general store owned by the High River Trading Company.

The town of Macleod is one of the oldest in this country, dating back to the early 70's. The first site was about a mile further down the river, where the Northwest Mounted Police had established a fort, but it was found necessary in the spring of 1885 to remove to the present site on account of the river washing away and flooding the land on which the town was built. It is now situated on the banks of the Old Man River, about a mile and a half from the railway station. It has at no time experienced a very rapid

of building was done, the buildings for the most part being residences, although D. J. Greer built a brick block which will be occupied shortly by the Union Bank. Franklin & Stevenson last year bought the butcher business of Maunsell Bros. and Baker & Skelding started a grocery, flour, and feed business. The Hudson's Bay Co. put in all stock of hardware in a separate store. In 1898 A. Young & Co. opened a drug store and Mott, Son & Co. established a lumber yard. In 1898 a large curling rink was built and last summer a skating rink was erected giving the citizens good opportunities for winter sport. Schofield & Co. carry a stock of clothing, men's furnishings, boots and shoes, and the John Black store carries groceries. There are four general stores, two hardware stores, two drug stores, furniture, lumber yards, and clothing and grocery stores, bakery, etc. It has a telephone system, Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of Eng-

probably be increased shortly as the road is being improved and good bridges constructed between the two towns.

The town of Pincher Creek is about four miles from Pincher, a station on the Crow's Nest branch thirty miles west of Macleod. It is prettily situated in the valley of Pincher creek under the shadow of the Rocky Mountains. It has a population of about 600 and has three general stores, a hardware and furniture store, lumber yard, harness shop, meat market, bakery, drug store, etc., and a branch of the Union Bank of Canada. Schofield & Co. have a general store here and also at M. J. and Cranbrook, B. C. The Hudson's Bay Co. have been represented here for over eleven years and carry a large stock of general goods. T. Lebel & Co. also have a general store. The hardware and furniture business of T. H. Hinton has recently been taken over by Wm. Berry & Son. A branch of the Union Bank was established last September, the manager of which is H. E. Hyde, who is the owner of the lumber yard here. G. W. Gill, who was for ten years manager of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s branch here, last January started in business for himself, dealing in flour and feed, Galt coal and liquors. Robertson & Foot, contractors and carriage



Old Man River at Macleod, Alberta.
Photo by Steele & Co., Winnipeg and Calgary.

growth, but has been steadily increasing in size and importance each year until now it has a population of about 700 or 800, and a good representation of business establishments. A. F. Grady, the hardware merchant, has been in business here for 15 years. He ran a tinshop the first year and then added a line of hardware and now carries a stock of wagons, buggies, etc., as well. The business of Barker & Gardner, general merchants, was established 18 years ago by R. T. Barker. Cowdry Bros., who do a large banking and insurance business, have been here since '86, and they can therefore lay claim to being the oldest banking concern now doing business in the Northwest Territories. Reach & Co., general merchants, commenced business here some 12 years ago and the Hudson's Bay Co.'s branch has also been here since the early days.

Since the completion of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway in 1898 Macleod has probably grown more in the same period than at any other time in its existence. Last year over \$15,000 worth

land and Catholic churches, an hospital and a branch of the Union Bank and a private bank. There is a little farming done in this locality, but the chief industry is ranching, for which the district is specially adapted as on account of the mildness of the winters, owing to the prevalence of the chinook winds, the stock runs at large the year around, and it is only occasionally that the snow is so deep that it is necessary to feed them. Since the first of July last some 1,100 head of cattle were shipped from Macleod and at Claresholm, which is twenty-five miles north of Macleod, about 3,000 head were shipped. There is no town at this latter point and the business of the district is handled principally at Macleod. About forty miles south of this point there is a large settlement of Mormons, of which Cardston is the market town. H. S. Allan & Co. and the Cardston Co. have large stores at this point, but the merchants of Macleod receive a considerable amount of business from that district as well, and this will

makers, last year added a blacksmith shop to their other business. C. H. Dunn is the local baker and confectioner, and E. J. Mitchell owns the drug store and is also one of the proprietors of the Brick hotel. The building operations of last year comprise the buildings occupied by the Union Bank and by G. W. Gill and about a dozen residences.

This place is supported by a mixed farming and ranching community and since the completion of the Crow's Nest railway a considerable shipping business in cattle, hay, oats, potatoes, etc. has been worked up to British Columbia points. Large deposits of a very good bituminous coal have been found in this immediate vicinity and it is understood that negotiations are now under way to have a company formed to operate these. If the coal turns out to be as good as the sample now obtained and the veins such as will make mining profitable we may expect to see this point become one of the large business centres of the west.



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Lock Bros. & Co., who have just commenced business at Winnipeg in produce and commission, are making preparations to carry on business on a scale commensurate with the importance of this city as a produce market. They have secured suitable premises at 128 Princess street, where they will have good cold storage accommodation, and have sent out a circular announcement to the trade soliciting business. The members of this firm have been well known in connection with the jobbing trade in groceries here for a number of years, most of the time with Sutherland & Campbell. The senior member of the firm, Thos. H. Lock, was one of the first travellers to take the road in this country selling groceries. The other two members, W. G. and A. S. Lock, have also been connected with the trade for a

Northwest Territories. It is estimated that there are now in the province 102,655 horses, 220,248 cattle, 33,092 sheep and 66,011 swine. Turkeys, geese, and chickens to the number of 337,205 were raised during the year. It is estimated that \$750,000 was paid by farmers and railway contractors in Manitoba for imported horses during the year. Of the horses killed for glanders 75 per cent at least were imported ones. The number of horses destroyed for glanders was 150. Live stock on the whole had been healthy. An outbreak of hog cholera at Carman was the only serious event and this was stamped out. It was traced to an imported hog which came from Illinois. The year was marked by increased freedom from noxious weeds. During the year there were produced 1,302,809 pounds of creamery and 554,240 pounds of dairy butter, the former averaging on sale 18.75 cents per pound and the latter 14.44

4,000; bastard chinchilla, 90,000; Australian opossum, 200,000; wombat, 25,000; wallaby, 64,000; kangaroo, 3,500; 5 bales North American rabbit; Cape Horn salted fur seal, 9,784; Cape Horn salted fur seal, 1,600.

MINING MATTERS.

NEW ONTARIO MINING LAW.

Considerable opposition has been manifested towards the bill recently introduced in the Ontario legislature by the government owing to the tax which it is proposed to levy on the output of mines. The bill will provide for the abolition of all royalties heretofore collectable and will substitute therefor a tax on the gross output of ore. Thus iron ore will be subjected to a tax of 50 cents per ton; zinc \$5 per ton, or \$15 per ton of metal contents if partly treated or reduced, copper \$2 per ton or \$25 if partly treated or reduced; nickel \$10 per ton or \$60 if partly treated or reduced; copper and nickel ore \$7 per ton or \$20 and \$50 respectively per ton of metal contents if partly treated or reduced; on all other ores such rates as may be imposed by order in council, but not to exceed 5 per cent. of the selling prices thereof in a free market. A license to cost \$10 shall be necessary to mine any of the metals for which a tax is imposed. When any of these ores are refined in Canada the tax may be remitted. The tax will not apply to mines where the annual output of ore is less than 500 tons. A rebate will also be allowed where the ore is refined in the United Kingdom.



High River, Alberta, on the Railway from Calgary to Macleod.

long time A. S. Lock is still travelling for his old house. It is understood that W. G. Locke will assume the active management of the business the others remaining with Sutherland & Campbell. In the meantime produce and provisions will be made the principal line. Later on other lines will be added. The new firm enjoys the fullest confidence of the trade here and is regarded as reliable in every way.

Manitoba Government Statistics.

The report of the provincial land commissioner's department shows that the total receipts of the department for the year 1899 from all sources were \$16,747.26. During the year 232 parcels of land were sold, aggregating 37,096.70 acres, for the sum of \$115,295.81, the rate per acre ranging from \$2 to \$5.

Hon. J. A. Davidson, provincial minister of agriculture, laid his report for 1899 on the table of the house on Monday. Among other things it showed that 88 per cent. of last year's wheat crop graded No. 1 hard, or 12,456,640 bushels out of 15,322,630 inspected. The total wheat yield is placed at 27,922,230 bushels, averaging 17.13 bushels to the acre. The total oat yield is given at 22,318,378 bushels, or an average of 38.80 to the acre. The total yield of barley was 5,379,156 bushels or 29.40 to the acre. Besides these crops there were 304,920 bushels of flax, 64,340 of rye, 20,490 of peas, 3,226,395 of potatoes and 2,670,162 bushels of roots. The total area of all crops was 2,449,078 acres, being an increase of 238,136 acres over 1898. The exports of beef cattle for the year amounted to 12,000 head, and of stockers to 35,000 head, 25,000 of which went to the

cents. 848,587 pounds of factory cheese were produced and averaged in price 10.25 cents a pound.

Fur Trade Notes.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature of Ohio which provides that "no person shall at any time kill any skunk; catch, injure or pursue any skunk; or have any skin of such animal in possession."

Earliest returning steamers from Labrador report excellent success in taking hair seals, and express the belief that the total catch will exceed 300,000 seals, making the present season the most profitable in several years.

The following articles were offered by the Hudson's Bay Company on March 19, 20, 21 and 22: Badger, 1,208; black bear, 8,580; brown bear, 851; grey bear, 181; white bear, 127; ermine, 13,475; fisher, 4,022; blue fox, 18; cross fox, 3,210; kitt fox, 25; red fox, 11,636; silver fox, 601; white fox, 3,604; lynx, 13,067; marten, 58,115; mink, 39,298; musk ox, 510; otter, 9,243; porpoise, 81; raccoon, 13,260; dry hair seal, 3,262; skunk, 10,799; wolf, 2,769; wolvorine, 901, and sundry furs and skins.

C. M. Lampson & Co. offered the following articles at their March sale: Silver fox, 1,600; cross fox, 2,600; blue fox, 2,500; sea otter, 569; otter, 5,900; fisher, 3,200; lynx, 19,000; beaver, 5,900; bear, 7,000; raccoon, 220,000; muskrat, 1,000,000; skunk, 310,000; civet cat, 30,000; opossum, 125,000; mink, 270,000; marten, 200,000; Russian sable, 25,000; red fox, 46,000; grey fox, 36,000; white fox, 4,000; Japanese fox, 900; wild cat, 18,000; wolf, 11,000; dry hair seal, 200; gopher, 1,100; squirrel, 28,000; real chinchilla,

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Granby smelter at Grand Forks, B. C., commenced operations last week.

About \$40,000 is to be spent in additional development at the Rambler mine.

The Frisco group of mines, New Denver, has been bonded to Colorado people.

A report from Nelson says that the Hall mines smelter is to be started again shortly.

Ymir mines shipped about 10,000 tons of ore during the first three months of this year.

Rosland ore shipments to Northport last week totalled 2,198 tons, mostly from the Le Roi mine.

The King Mining Co., Rosland, have decided to borrow \$15,000 for the purpose of developing their property.

The Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate has acquired an option upon the Sunset mine in the Slocan, a high grade silver lead proposition.

Since the middle of January the B. C. mine, in Summit camp, has shipped nearly 2,500 tons of ore to the Trail smelter, averaging \$20 per ton.

The St. Eugenie mine in the vicinity of Moyle is being developed rapidly. Two hundred and fifty men are now employed in the mine and a large contractor will soon be ready for operation.

Matters are rapidly being smoothed out in the Rosland mining camps so as to permit a resumption of active shipping of ores. Men who had left for other parts during the period in which the mines were shut down are returning and find employment as fast as they arrive. It is expected that the number engaged at the various mines will be back to the old figure and perhaps exceed it shortly.

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Hon. Smith Curtis, British Columbia minister of mines, announces that the alien law which was passed to exclude American miners from the Atlin district, will be repealed at the July session of the legislature. To allow Americans to work placer mines in the province in the meantime, the government has decided to grant free miners' certificates to companies incorporated under the laws of the province. As the expense of incorporating is small, the Americans holding claims, or desiring to do so, can follow out their inclinations with little more trouble than British subjects. After the law is repealed all will be on the same footing.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO.

The mill of the Hammond Reef Consolidated Mining Co. at Sawbill Lake will be started running the first week in May. The mill has forty stamps run by electricity.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. K. Smith, engineer of the Royal Dominion Yukon Gold Development Company, passed through Winnipeg last week on his way east. He estimates that the output of gold from the Klondyke region this year will be \$25,000,000.

"Wonderland."

"Wonderland" is the title of a publication which is being circulated by the Northern Pacific Railway Company, setting forth the beauties of their route to the Pacific coast and of the various holiday trips which may be taken by this route. "Wonderland" is issued in book form under paper cover, convenient in size, and beautifully printed and illustrated. The cover design is unique and very appropriate. The reading matter of "Wonderland" treats on the early history of the Western States, the expedition to the Pacific coast of Lewis and Clark in 1804, the building of the Northern Pacific, the Yellowstone Park, the Rockies and Alaska.

The Anglo American Rapid Vehicle Company has been formed at Dover, Delaware, for the purpose of controlling the manufacture of automobiles in the United States. The company is capitalized at \$75,000,000. It will endeavor to buy up all existing concerns.

Notwithstanding the increased price of wire fencing, owing to the sharp advance in raw material, a large quantity of wire fencing is being sold in the west. It is pleasing to note that there is an increasing demand in the west for sold wire fences, to replace the nasty string barb wire, which is so largely used here. David Ross, Winnipeg, who controls the famous sage wire fencing in the west, reports that he is finding an increased sale for this fence from districts where the fence is known, several large orders coming recently from British Columbia.

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Sealed tenders will be received by A. D. Dickson, of Qu'Appelle Station, barrister, liquidator of the above company, up to Friday, the 1st day of June, 1900 for a felt and woollen factory at Qu'Appelle Station, N. W. T., consisting of a one set woollen mill, complete in every detail, with felt plant and shoe factory attached. Floor space about 10,000 square feet; steam heated throughout; buildings and plant almost new and in good running order. There is now on hand a complete stock of wool and supplies.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	52,000
Toronto	80,000
Kingston	55,000
Coteau, Que.	200,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	103,000
Winnipeg	405,000
Manitoba elevators	1,450,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	4,023,000

Total April 14 ... 9,354,000
Total a year ago ... 10,108,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's April 14, were 75,840,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 51,161,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on March 1 were 7,814,000 bushels, compared with 5,923,000 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 21, was 54,814,000 bushels being a decrease of 459,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 29,173,000 bushels two years ago 25,914,000 bushels, three years ago 36,201,000 bushels, and four years ago 57,916,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,101,000 bushels, compared with 10,426,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 24,114,000 bushels, compared with 28,101,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe March 1, in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

Bushels.	
1900	150,681,000
1899	124,383,000
1898	118,543,000
1897	153,721,000
1896	172,134,000
1895	193,746,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	86,561,860	72,795,580
Milwaukee	9,290,892	11,185,408
Duluth	44,044,421	64,658,917
Chicago	21,000,128	29,755,292

Total ... 143,897,301 178,399,201

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, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	10,031,332	11,952,142
St. Louis	8,728,169	13,151,660
Detroit	3,446,328	4,545,981
Kansas City	13,301,590	24,016,443

Total ... 35,707,739 53,666,226

Navigation opened at Quebec on Tuesday. The steamer Vancouver arrived with immigrants.

The Dominion minister of agriculture announces that the fumigating station at Winnipeg for the treatment of nursery stock is now ready for business. It is now possible to obtain nursery stock from the United States for planting in Manitoba by having consignments treated at the government station.

The Allan Steamship Company have put another new boat on their route between Canada and the old country. The new steamship will be known as the Tunisian. She has been built on the Clyde and will carry both passengers and freight. She is a sister ship to the Bavarian and is said to be a very fine vessel.

The amendment to the San Jose Scale act, permitting the importation of nursery stock from the United States under certain regulations, will not be of any value for this spring stock brought in will be fumigated at certain points, including Winnipeg, and these fumigation stations will be opened in the fall, so that parties desiring to import nursery stock can arrange for fall importations.

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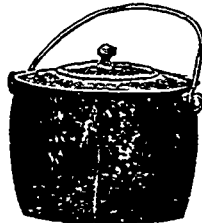
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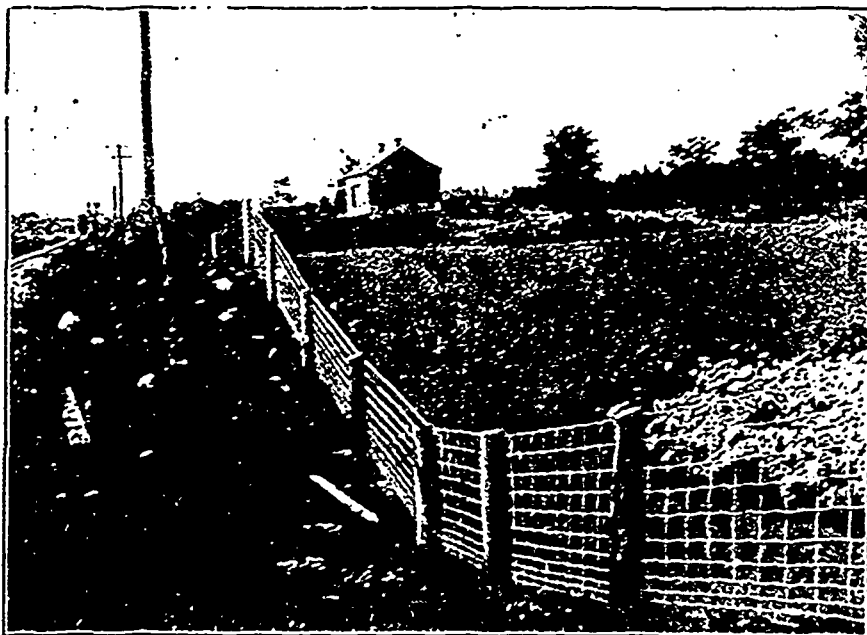


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Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the post office of Winnipeg, and at this office.

W. W. McLEOD,
Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, 13th April, 1900.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat closed at 72 1-4 to 72 1-2c April delivery.
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.80; best bakers', \$1.00.
- Outmeal—\$1.85 per 80 pound sack of Manitoba meal.
- Millstuffs—Bran, \$11 per ton; shorts, \$12; delivered to city dealers.
- Oats—Carlots on track, 35 to 38c. feed.
- Flaxseed—Per bushel, retail, \$1.00.
- Barley—30 to 37c per bushel.
- Corn—In carlots, 41 to 43c per bushel of 66 lbs.
- Butter—Dairy, jobbers offer 15c per lb. for tubs and rolls; creamery, 22 to 23c to retail trade.
- Cheese—10 to 10 1-2c per pound.
- Eggs—Jobbers sell at 10 to 12c for Manitoba fresh.
- Hides—No. 1 green hides, 6 1-2c per pound.
- Wool—7c for unwashed fleece.
- Seneca—17c per lb.
- Hay—Baled, \$7.00 to \$7.50 per ton on cars.
- Potatoes—60 to 70c per bushel.
- Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 16c per pound; chickens, 15c; geese, 16c; live chickens, 70 to 80c per pair; live ducks, 30 to 40c per pair.
- Dressed Meats—Fresh killed beef, 7 1-2 to 8c; mutton, 7 to 8c; fresh killed mutton, 9 to 10c; hogs, 6 to 6 1-2c; veal, 7 to 8c; spring lamb, \$3.50 to \$5.00 per carcass.
- Live Stock—Cattle, 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c for choice steers; stockers, \$12 to \$16 for yearlings; sheep, 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c; hogs, 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c off cars for selected weights.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

Work has been commenced on the extension of the C. P. R. to Lac du Bonnet, east of Winnipeg.
Grading operations have begun for the season on the Swan River extension of the Canadian Northern road.
Beginning this week the C. P. R. extend their Brandon-Souris branch service train to Alameda and a tri-weekly service will be put on from Hamiota on the Central branch to Antler on the Pipestone branch. Passengers will now be able to go from Winnipeg to either Alameda, Antler or Hamiota, reaching either of these points on the same day. The Brandon local will connect each way with trains running to Alexander or Antler, or from Alameda to Hamiota.

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WRITE FOR QUOTATIONS.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Japan teas declined 1-2c at Montreal last week owing to large stock on hand and in sight.

A private telegram from Portland, Ore., states that salmon fishing on the Columbia river commenced Friday night. The price of fish was fixed at 6c.

Stocks of currants at Patras are low and a good deal of speculative buying is being done on the prospect of an advance in prices at an early date.

At Malaga shelled almonds are becoming very scarce. In Sicily the crop of almonds has been damaged by frost so that prices are firm and may be higher.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

It looks as if linen prices would remain high and firm for some time. The increasing demand for all kinds of goods into which flax enters as a raw material is a guarantee of this.

Eastern jobbing houses have not led the trade that hereafter the prices for packing cases will be 25c per case higher. This is due to greater cost of material and labor consumed in making them.

Canadian cotton mills are said to be working up a nice trade with foreign countries in their products which tends to ensure the stability of prices at home as an outlet is thus provided for the surplus product of the mills.

The market here for wools is lower, say the Toronto Globe. Local dealers are now bidding only 15c to 17c per pound for Ontario fleece wool. This decline is owing to the fact that wools which correspond in merchantable value to those produced in Ontario can be bought in the British markets for 8 1/2d. The stocks of Ontario wools in the hands of holders, the middlemen, at present are small. The farmers hold little or no wool.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

THE IRON AND STEEL MARKETS.

The recent slump in steel prices in the United States is beginning to be regarded as largely of a speculative character. It seems improbable that the situation could change so soon from one of undoubted strength to unmistakable weakness. Stock jobbers are given credit for bringing about the decline in prices and the legitimate section of the trading community have refused to be stampeded by it. Glasgow iron works warrants dropped in sympathy, but the old country markets as a rule did not respond. It is probably true that the greatly increased production of steel as a result of improved demand has relieved the pressure on the market for supplies to a large extent, but the mills are still sold ahead very largely and while this is the case there can be no decided slump in prices. In Canadian markets the feeling seems still to be very strong and there has been no indication whatever to reduce prices as yet. Iron pipe is the only line of finished goods which shows any reduction. This was reduced 10c to \$1.10 per 100 feet by manufacturers recently.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Cables last week stated that the further sharp advances in the price of pig lead had led makers to consider

the advisability of marking up dry white lead.

The plant of the National Steel Company at Columbus, O., has been closed down.

Several furnaces connected with the Dominion Glass works, Montreal, were burned on April 25. Loss about \$15,000.

Linseed oil has advanced 2c per gallon at Toronto, making the price now 73c per gallon for raw and 76c for boiled.

Turpentine prices broke 3c last week at Montreal owing to adverse advices from the south. At this decline it is quoted at 82c in single barrel lots. Linseed oil holds firm. White lead is also strong and mixed paints. Oxide of zinc has advanced 30s per ton.

New crop turpentine to arrive was offered in the markets of the south recently and contrary to all expectations the market broke badly, New York going off about 7c. Still lower prices are anticipated.

Canadian cement manufacturers are securing a larger share than ever of the domestic business this year owing to the fact that higher ocean freight rates have obliged importers to advance their prices which gives home manufacturers so much advantage in the market.

It is reported that a scheme is on foot for the consolidation of Canadian plate or stove foundries, the idea being to concentrate the bulk of the stove business in Hamilton. In addition to the five Hamilton foundries, it is said five outside foundries will be taken in at the outset and closed up, and the capacity of the Hamilton foundries largely increased.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

THE OUTLOOK FOR FALL PRICES.

How prices of fall goods will compare with last year's prices and whether or not the fall prices of plows, disk harrows and other spring and fall goods will be higher than the present prices, are questions that are forced into prominence by the continued high prices of iron and steel. It is no secret that the prevailing prices of implements are lower than the cost of material warrants; that the price has been tempered by manufacturers using carry-over material contracts in averaging their costs and that this basis of figuring is no longer possible since cheap carry-over stocks are exhausted. Manufacturers, as much as any other class, have hoped that lower prices would prevail in iron and steel, enabling them to at least continue present prices, but the situation does not promise a realization of such hopes. It is possible that prices may decline before stocks must be purchased, but there is little in the present conditions to indicate it.

It is important for dealers to hold firm to retail prices—handling the business as though advances were daily expected. In the case of some exclusive fall goods it is certain that prices will be higher, and farmer's orders, taken in advance, should embrace a reasonable increase over last year's prices.—Farm Implement News.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

H. E. Hamilton, implement dealer, Sidney, Mass., is erecting a new brick warehouse.

Binder twine factories in the United States are holding their prices firm at figures fixed some time ago. Cur-

rent quotations are 11 1/2c for sisal, 14 1/2c for manila and 16c for pure manila at point of shipment. Dealers are having considerable trouble keeping on the right side of the market as they do not wish to be caught short nor yet with an over supply of twine, which might have to be carried over until next year.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The lumber markets of the south are becoming somewhat depressed owing to unfavorable building weather, building trade strikes, etc. Prices hold firm.

It is thought that the price of lumber will be advanced as a result of the great destruction of lumber and saw mill plant in the big fire at Ottawa and Hull this week.

The United States hardwood markets retain their strength and offerings are said to be a little freer. It is not expected that there will be any surplus from the cut of this season.

The Ontario court of appeals handed out a judgment at Toronto on Tuesday in the action brought by the Michigan lumbermen interested in Ontario timber limits, to obtain the right to remove logs cut on crown lands to Michigan, and to saw them into lumber there. The judgment was unanimously in favor of the crown, the law requiring logs to be sawn in Canada being upheld and costs given against the appellants. It is said the lumbermen, before abandoning the fight, will carry their appeal to the privy council England.

Freight Rates.

Although business in ocean grain freight has been rather quiet during the past week, yet the undertone to the market continues strong, and asking rates to some ports for June space show an advance of 1 1/2d to 3d. There is no freight to be had for May to Liverpool, London, Bristol, Manchester, Hamburg, Antwerp, Belfast and Dublin, but there is some still offering to Glasgow, Leith, Aberdeen and Cardiff. The volume of business so far this season has been much smaller than a year ago, owing to the scarcity of vessels. Rates are quoted as follows: Liverpool, 2s 6d; London, 3s, asked; Glasgow, 2s 6d; Avonmouth, 3s 6d; Manchester, 2s 6d; Hamburg, 3s 6d; Antwerp, 3s; Leith, 3s 3d; Dublin, 3s; Belfast, 2s 9d; Aberdeen, 3s 3d; and Cardiff, 3s.—Montreal Gazette.

Chicago Trade Bulletin:—Railroads have enough cars for all their traffic. The grain movement east has fallen off, but rates are well maintained. The present tariff on domestic grain and grain products from Mississippi river common points is: To New York, 17 1/2c; Boston, 19 1/2c; Philadelphia, 15 1/2c; Baltimore, 14 1/2c. On export grain rates from Chicago are as follows: To New York and Boston, 13c; Philadelphia, 12c; Baltimore, 11 1/2c. From the Mississippi river for export: To Boston and New York, 15 1/2c; Philadelphia, 14 1/2c; Baltimore, 14c. Ocean room in fair demand and rates are easier. Rates are 3-4 to 4d per bushel from New York and 3 1/2d from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 17 1/2c per bushel all rail, via New York, and 17c via Boston. Flour is 37 1/2c to 37 1/2c per 100 pounds, and provisions 49.86 to 52.5c. Lake navigation has opened, the first boat getting through the straits April 18. There are few boats here and very little demand. Rates on corn declined 3-8c and are 27-8c to Buffalo.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

THE ROYAL-VICTORIA.

We present this week the annual report of the Royal-Victoria Life Assurance Company. Through a new company, the Royal-Victoria seems to be already securing an important standing among the leading insurance companies of the Dominion. The year 1899 was the second full year of the company's operations, hence the only comparison that can be made is with the previous year, and it is pleasing to note that distinct gains have been made during the past year in such important items as assets, reserve, etc. There is also a good increase in the business done, which amounted to \$1,112,730 in 1899, compared with \$770,574 in 1898. Total death claims since the company began business have amounted to only \$4,000, on three lives, which indicates that due care has been exercised in selecting risks. With a new company there is a temptation to take too much risk in securing business, in order to make a good showing on paper. This evidently has not been the case with the Royal-Victoria.

In the local field J. T. Gordon was appointed to the Winnipeg board during the year, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal to Toronto of Chief Justice Sir Thomas W. Taylor. Last year was the first full year of the company's operations in this field. In this period Mr. Reid, the local manager, has succeeded in organizing the work here and securing a good position for his company. This company has further connection with Winnipeg, as it may be noted that its vice-president is A. F. Gault, of Gault Bros. Co., who have a large business interest here.

INSURANCE NOTES.

W. M. Haight, of Brandon, has been appointed manager for British Columbia of the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company and will leave in a few days to take up his work there. His headquarters will be at Vancouver.

Wm. McBride, manager of the North American Life Co., at Winnipeg, who has been on a tour through Africa, Asia and Europe, for the last three and a half months, returned home on Wednesday. He states that he had a very enjoyable trip.

A bill is being passed in the territorial legislature to regulate mutual hail insurance companies. The bill provides that in a mutual company the members and directors must be residents in the Territories and must have their qualification in the Territories. The representation of members at the meetings to be proportional to the respective amounts insured. In regard to foreign companies the provisions of the Ontario insurance act have been copied and there will be very strict supervision over all companies licensed to do business in the Territories.

Navigation is now open on the upper lakes and freights are being taken for the water route. The first C. P. R. steamer for the Superior ports will leave Owen Sound to-day.

Mr Tenderfoot—"This bear meat seems very highly spiced."
Cactus Charley—"It ought to be pardner, that's a cinnamon bear steak."

THE ROYAL-VICTORIA

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF CANADA

SATISFACTORY INCREASE IN BUSINESS
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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of this company was held at the head office, Montreal, on the 28th inst., when the directors' report and financial statement were submitted.

Mr. James Crathern, president of the company, occupied the chair, and Mr. David Burke, the general manager, acted as secretary.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

In presenting their annual report and financial statement for the year ending December 31st, 1899, your directors have pleasure in calling attention to the satisfactory results of the business for the year.

INCOME.

The premiums and interest received in cash, during the year amounted to \$68,435.85 showing an increase over the past year of \$38,762.07, or over 130 per cent. The increase in premiums alone has been even more marked in proportion, such increase being \$30,422.91, or over 148 per cent.

DEATH CLAIMS.

The company paid out during the year in death claims \$2,000, under policies of \$1,000 each on two separate lives but only one became a claim during the year, the other occurred in 1898 and was unpaid at the end of the year awaiting the usual proof of death, but was included as a liability due of \$1,000 in the statement for that year.

The total death claims since the company commenced business have amounted to only \$4,000 on three lives insured, which indicates that much care has been exercised in the acceptance of risks.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND INSURANCE ISSUED.

The applications for insurance received reached \$1,205,998, of which \$1,112,730 was accepted by the company, and policies issued thereunder to the number of 761; the balance, \$93,268, was declined or deferred as not being up to the company's requirements.

INSURANCE IN FORCE.

The insurance in force on the company's books at December 31st, 1899, amounted to \$1,707,807, under 1,129 policies. The average amount insured under each policy in force being \$1,512 and the average amount on each life insured \$1,623.

GENERAL INCREASE DURING THE YEAR.

	1898.	1899.	Increase.
In accrued assets	\$202,190.26	\$ 232,616.64	\$ 29,417.38
In premiums received	24,509.12	60,932.03	36,422.91
In reserves	29,363.36	70,267.73	40,904.37
In applications received	\$36,088.00	1,205,998.00	369,910.00
In insurance issued	770,577.00	1,112,730.00	42,153.00
In insurance in force	921,577.60	1,707,807.00	786,229.40

SECURITY FOR POLICYHOLDERS.

The assets of the company now amount to \$232,616.64, being an increase during the year of \$29,417.38, which, together with the guaranteed capital of the company, makes \$1,032,616.64 of security for liabilities to policyholders of \$70,267.73 for reserves on insurance in force on December 31st, according to government valuation.

PREMIUM RATES AND RESERVES.

In conformity with the amendment to the Insurance Act passed by the Dominion Government at the last session of parliament, this company has adopted premium rates based on the Institute of Actuaries' H. M. table with 3 1-2 per cent. interest for all new policies issued after January 1st, 1900. On all such policies the company will maintain reserves on a 3 1-2 per cent. interest basis. The effect of such a conservative basis for both premiums and reserves must give still greater confidence in the foundation on which our business rests.

BOARDS OF REFERENCE.

Since the last annual meeting the directors have established local boards of reference at Toronto and Ottawa, and the following resident shareholders have been appointed members of such boards:

- Toronto—Sir Thos. W. Taylor, Ex-Chief Justice of Manitoba.
Donald Mackay, Esq., Vice President of Ontario Bank.
W. J. Gage, Esq., President W. J. Gage & Company, Ltd.
- Ottawa—Geo. Burn, Esq., General Manager Bank of Ottawa.
John MacLaren, Esq., MacLaren & McLaurin, Lumber Merchants.
W. D. Hogg, Esq., G. C. O'Connor, Hogg & McGeog.

The vacancy on the Manitoba board caused by Sir Thos. W. Taylor taking up his residence in Toronto, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Jas. T. Gordon, of Winnipeg.

THE COMPANY'S AGENTS.

The directors wish to express their high appreciation of the efforts of the agents of the company in accomplishing such a satisfactory increase in the business done during the year.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDITORS.

The books, vouchers, and securities of the company have been audited by Messrs. Macintosh & Hyde, chartered accountants, and their certificate is herewith attached to the financial statement.

RETIRING DIRECTORS.

The directors retiring this year are Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, H. K. Bate, David Morrice, Gaspard LeMoine and Edmund B. Osier, all of whom are eligible for re-election for the incoming term of three years.

DAVID BURKE, General Manager. All of which is respectfully submitted.
JAMES CRATHERN, President.

ABSTRACT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS IN 1899

Premiums received (in cash)	\$ 60,932.03
Interest received (in cash)	7,593.84
Balance Net Ledger Assets, December 31st, 1898	188,366.05
	<u>\$ 256,891.91</u>

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1899

Death Claims	\$ 2,000.00
Annuity Payments	301.00
Medical Examiners' Fees	1,615.00
Taxes (Municipal and Government)	2,151.55
Re-insurance Premiums	605.14
All other expenditure	41,334.99
Balance Net Ledger Assets, December 31st, 1899	268,794.23
	<u>\$ 256,891.91</u>

ASSETS

Government Stocks and Bonds	\$ 74,599.66
Cash in Bank and Call Loans on first-class securities	127,037.73
Premiums deferred and in course of collection	23,091.18
Accrued Interest, Ledger Balances and other assets	9,879.07
Subscribed Capital (uncalled)	800,000.00
	<u>\$1,032,616.64</u>

Total security for policy-holders, December 31st, 1899.....

LIABILITIES

Capital Paid-up in Cash	\$ 200,000.00
Reserves (Assurance and Annuity Funds), valuation by Canadian Insurance Department	70,267.73
	<u>\$ 270,267.73</u>

DAVID BURKE, A.I.A., F.S.S.,
General Manager

Audited and found correct,
MACINTOSH & HYDE,
Chartered Accountants and Auditors.



MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 8th June next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails, on a proposed contract for four years, twice per week each way, between Richland and Winnipeg, via Millbrook, Dundee, Dugald, Plympton and Sathwyn, from the 1st July next.

Printed notices containing further information as to the conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the post offices on the route, and at this office.

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Post Office Inspector's Office,
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There was a large attendance of prominent shareholders, including Messrs Geo. Hagne, C. F. Smith, David McFarlane, Henry Morton, Rev. E. Scott, Geo. Caverhill, Hon. F. E. Gilman, John Ross, James Crathern, Jonathan Hodgson, T. G. Roddick, M. D., M. P., John Cassils, E. P. Hannaford, C. S. J. Phillips, Gaspard LeMoine, David Burke, Geo. F. Hart, Andrew F. Gault, Jas. Wilson, Samuel Finley, O. J. Hodgson, Jas. Elliot, Thos. Bell, J. B. Picken, J. O. Gravel, Edward Maxwell, Geo. Burnford, R. A. Duntun, and others.

The President:—"In moving the adoption of the report, I wish to add a few words bearing on a point which has not been referred to in the directors' report, although such may not be necessary, as the report is very full and complete.

"On comparing the results of the year 1898 with 1899 I find the earnings (received and accrued) in the former year, which was our first complete year of operations, fell a little short of our organization and ordinary expenses, while the earnings of the business of 1899, notwithstanding the consequent increase in expenditure in connection with the increased volume of business secured, computed on identically the same basis as for 1898, gives a balance in our favor in 1899 of over \$32,500. With the volume of business and the premium revenue therefrom now on the company's books, the directors feel safe in predicting an increase in future earnings on a similar basis proportionate with the increasing business of the company.

"Referring to the average risk on lives insured by the company, great care and attention have been given to obtain a safe average in the amount of insurance carried on each life, which the report shows to be about \$1,000. The average age of the policyholders now insured in the company is 31 years. In the selection of desirable business, the younger ages are considered preferable as having a longer average existence on the books of the company. While this applies more directly to life policies, the effect is also shown in the selection of longer periods for endowment policies by those of younger ages, requiring lighter premiums, which will tend no doubt to retain a larger proportion of insurance each year on the company's books.

"All these matters directly favor the building up of a life insurance company, enabling it to retain its accumulated funds for a longer period, which is important both to the policyholder and to the company."

Mr Andrew F. Gault, Vice-President:—"In seconding the adoption of the report, it affords me much pleasure to express my gratification at the very satisfactory report and statement of the company's business now submitted to the shareholders. The company has been carefully managed, and its death claims have been exceptionally small, which can be accounted for by the great care exercised in accepting only the best business offered. The company's progress since it commenced business has been equal with any of the best managed offices, and the building up has been on a solid foundation. There is no doubt but that the company's position as an important factor in the life insurance business of this country is now established."

Dr. T. G. Roddick, M. P., medical director, on referring to the very favorable mortality experienced so far by the company, paid a high tribute to the doctors who made the examinations, and stated that in every case the examiners had protected the company's interests in a manner most satisfactory to himself and to the management.

The directors' report was unanimously adopted. Scrutineers having been appointed by the president, a ballot was taken which resulted in the retiring directors being unanimously re-elected for three years.

At a meeting of the board subsequently held, Mr. James Crathern was re-elected president, Messrs. Andrew F. Gault and Hon. L. J. Forget re-elected vice-presidents, and Dr. T. G. Roddick re-elected medical director.

TO THE TRADE.

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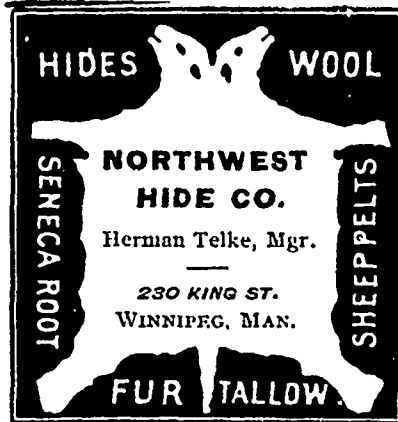
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Manitoba.

Alton & Beatty are opening a harness shop at Sidney.

Building operations are being actively pushed at Hartney.

P. Bourque has bought out the general store of M. Landry, at Altamont.

W. J. Hamilton, agent, Neopawa, has made an assignment to J. H. Howden.

A. E. Robertson & Co., Roland, have dissolved partnership, A. E. Robertson continuing the business.

Hindley & Christie, machinists, Glenboro, have dissolved partnership and the business will be wound up.

The Winnipeg Retailers' Association is moving in the matter of securing legislation to simplify and reduce the cost of collecting small debts.

The Ryan block on Main Street, Winnipeg, has been purchased by A. F. Binfield, carpet and furnishings' dealer. \$30,000 is mentioned as the price.

Tree planting has been going on actively at the Brandon exhibition grounds this spring under the supervision of Supt. Bedford of the experimental farm.

The Winnipeg city council was defeated in the courts on the question of its right to purchase a hay market site on the instalment plan. Costs against the city.

The Adam Forbes Trading Company, Rathwell, are applying for incorporation for the purpose of carrying on a general trading business at that and other points. The capital stock is \$20,000.

Albert Mitchell, who was formerly in charge of the power house of the Winnipeg Street Railway Company, has been promoted to the position of superintendent, vice H. J. Somerset, removed to Australia.

The Bell Telephone Company commences the construction of a long distance telephone system in Manitoba next month. The line will run from Winnipeg to Brandon, taking in Portage la Prairie, Carberry and other points on the way.

Fire completely destroyed Waddell's elevator at Dominion City on Tuesday night. The cause is unknown. The elevator was operated by the Winnipeg Elevator Company who had over 20,000 bushels of wheat stored. The building is insured for about \$2,000.

At a special meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade, held this week, G. E. Carruthers and A. Strang were appointed to represent the board at the convention to be held in Grand Forks on May 10, for the purpose of considering the question of the improvement of the upper Red river.

The Hudson's Bay Company's stores and offices at Winnipeg are now lighted throughout by electric light, supplied by their own lighting plant, which has been installed at a cost of about \$7,000. This is the largest private plant in Western Canada. It supplies electricity for 59 1,800 c. p. arc lamps and 500 incandescents of 16 candle power each.

Bush fires done considerable damage around Vassar, a station on the South-eastern railway, about 24 miles from Winnipeg, during the latter part of last week. Railway contractors who have been working in that region lost several horses in the fires and a large quantity of camp stores, while the railway companies lost about 30,000 lbs. About \$9,000 worth of wood was also destroyed. The fires are now reported to be out.

Assinibola.

The Saltcoats board of trade held its annual meeting on Tuesday. John Parrott was elected president for the ensuing year.

J. R. Wilson has bought out the interest of J. J. McLean in the grocery business of J. J. and A. McLean at Moose Jaw, and the firm name will now be McLean & Wilson. J. J. McLean continues his real estate business at that place.

Geo. J. Jupp's general store at Fleming was destroyed by fire on the Monday night. Chandler's livery stable (unoccupied), was also burned. The total loss is placed at \$15,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire started in Chandler's stable from unknown cause.

Alberta.

J. E. McIntosh, watchmaker and jeweller, has opened in business at Red Deer.

Gilbert & Jay, will open a bakery at Calgary on May 1. They will also deal in confectionery, etc.

The ice in the Saskatchewan moved out at Edmonton on the 13th inst. That is the earliest date of clearing since 1889.

Northwest Ontario.

The first steamer to leave Fort William this season, did so on Tuesday morning, carrying a cargo of wheat to Buffalo. The steamer was the Ralph. This is an unusually early opening of navigation.

Tenders.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of an agricultural hall on the Island Park grounds, Portage la Prairie. Bids to be in by the 4th of May.

Tenders, addressed to H. McMillan, Margaret, Man., will be received up to Friday, May 11th, for the erection of a church at the village of Margaret.

Sealed proposals addressed to W. N. Acsit, town clerk, Medicine Hat, N. W. T., will be received up to 1st June next for the construction of a system of waterworks, and for furnishing materials and supplies therefor.

Tenders marked "tenders for debentures" and addressed to the chairman finance committee, Winnipeg, will be received up to Friday, the 15th of June, for the purchase of \$100,223.78 of city of Winnipeg local improvement debentures bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum payable half-yearly; also for the following general debentures of the city, bearing interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent per annum, payable half yearly.—\$208,000, running 35 years from 10th February, 1903, and \$25,000 running 30 years from 1st November, 1899.

The Pacific Coast Lumber Company has received a grant of land from the C. P. R. at Vancouver on which it will erect a very large lumber mill plant in the near future. The mill will be on the water front and easily accessible to the largest ocean going vessels.

The Ontario government announces that it has concluded arrangements for two more large pulp mills in new Ontario, one at the mouth of Nipigon river in the Thunder Bay district and the other at Mattawa in Nipissing. Both companies agree to spend \$250,000 inside of three years in erection of mills and to employ 200 men. The New York World is supposed to be behind one of the schemes.

Tremendous Holocaust.

The unfortunate little city of Hull, just across the river from Ottawa, has again been wiped out by fire. The fire crossed the river and destroyed a large section of the city of Ottawa and suburbs. The burnt area in Ottawa is said to be greater than Hull, and includes about 1,500 buildings, and 800 residences in Hull. The preliminary estimate of loss is in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000. The fire is one of the worst in the history of the Dominion, and includes the destruction of many large industries, thereby throwing about 10,000 persons out of employment, and rendering some thousands more homeless. The most important of the industrial concerns burned out include the E. B. Eddy Co., one of the largest establishments on the continent, employing nearly 2,000 hands in their pulp, paper and match factories, etc. R. J. Booth and Bronson & Weston, lumber industries, employing a couple of thousand men, exclusive of men in the woods, also suffered heavily. The Hull Lumber Co., McKay Milling Co., Martin and Warnock's mills, Ottawa Saw Works, Victoria foundry, carbide factory are among the institutions burned. The two big Ottawa saw mills burned have a combined capacity of 250,000,000 feet per year. McKay Milling Co., flour mill, 1,000 barrels and oatmeal 250 barrels per day. The loss of lumber alone is estimated at over \$4,000,000.

Apple Inspection.

Minister Fisher has declined to do anything in the matter of the inspection of apples for the western market. The Winnipeg Fruit and Produce Exchange took up the matter energetically with the department, to which Mr. Fisher replied that the act which he had introduced would only apply to apples for export. He did not think it advisable to go any further until it was seen how inspection would work as applied to the export trade.

One thing the government might do, would be to provide a punishment for deceptive packing, such as putting good fruit on the top and filling the centre of the packages with inferior apples. This could be done apart from the matter of inspection.

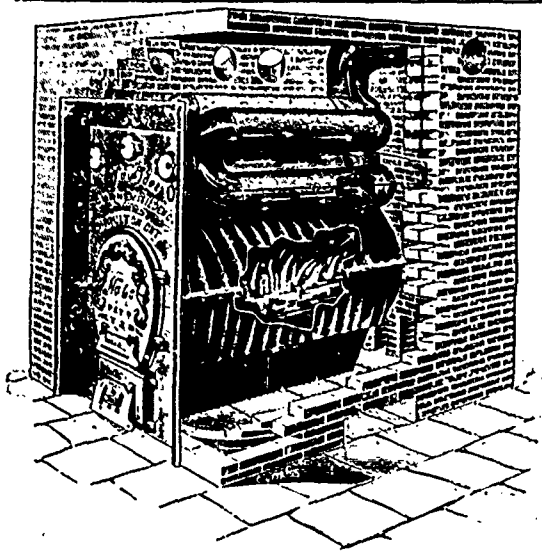
The total number of failures in Canada last week was 17, as compared with 36 a week ago and 22 last year.

A new steel bridge is being constructed over the White Mud river at Gladstone by the M. & N. W. Railway Company.

Dan Mann stated to a Montreal Gazette reporter a few days ago that 250 miles of new road will be built by the Canadian Northern Railway this year.

D. H. McMillan's (Northern Elevator Co.) elevator at Emerson, Man., burst the other day, spilling a couple of thousand bushels of wheat. The break was stopped before further leakage occurred.

A deputation waited on Manager Whyte, of the C. P. R., last week to urge for a further extension of the Snowflake branch. Mr. Whyte could not give any promise. He stated that a further extension from Snowflake would bring the road into a country considerably broken by valleys, which would make construction expensive.



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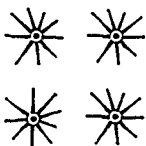
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New York Wheat.

New York, April 23.—Wheat, May opened 72 5-8c, closed 72 1-4c July opened 72 5-8c, closed 72 3 8c a
 New York, April 24.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-4c closed 72 1-2c b July opened 72 3-8c, closed 72 5-8c b
 New York, April 25.—Wheat, May opened 72 7-8c, closed 73 3-8c a. July opened 73 1-8c, closed 73 5-8c a.
 New York, April 26.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-8c, closed 73 3-4c b. July opened 73 1-2c, closed 73 1-8c a.
 New York, April 27.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-8c, closed 73 3-8c. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 73 5-8c a.
 New York, April 28.—May wheat closed to-day at 73 1-8c. July closed 73 5-8c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, April 23.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-8c, closed 64 7-8c a. July opened 66 3-4c, closed 66 3-8c a. Sept. opened 67 1-2c, closed 67 3-8c. Corn, May opened 38 1-8c, closed 37 7-8c b. July opened 39c, closed 39c b. Sept. opened 39 5-8c, closed 39 3-4c. Oats, May opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 5-8c. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 22c a. Sept. opened 22 7-8c, closed 22c a. Sept. opened 22c, closed 22c b. Pork, May opened \$12.50, closed \$12.45 b. Sept. opened \$12.57 1-2, closed \$12.62 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.92 1-2, closed at \$6.92 1-2 b. July opened \$7, closed at \$7.02 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$6.82 1-2, closed \$6.95. July opened \$6.85, closed \$6.90. Flax, cash \$1.75. May opened \$1.72 b. Sept. \$1.52 1-2. Oct. \$1.18

Chicago, April 24.—Wheat, May opened 61 7-8c, closed 61 1-4c a. July opened 66 3-8c, closed 66 3-4c b. Sept. opened 67 1-2c, closed 67 3-4c. July opened 39 1-8c, closed 39 1-2c. Sept. opened 39 7-8c, closed 40c b. Oats, May opened 22 3-4c, closed 22 7-8c. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 23 1-8c. Sept. opened 22c, closed 22 3-8c. S.p. opened \$12.55, closed \$12.55. Pork, May opened \$12.65, closed \$12.70. Lard, May opened \$6.97 1-2, closed \$7.03 1-2. July opened \$7.02 1-2, closed \$7.10. Ribs, May opened \$6.95, closed \$6.92 1-2. July opened \$6.90, closed \$7. Flax, cash \$1.75. May \$1.72. Sept. \$1.25 1-2. Oct. \$1.18 1-2.

Chicago, April 25.—Wheat, May opened 65 5-8c, closed 66c b July opened 67 1-8c, closed 67 3-4c Sept. opened 68 1-4c closed 68 7-8c. Corn, May opened 39 1-2c, closed 39 3-4c b July opened 39 3-8c, closed 40 7-8c a. Sept. opened 40 1-2c, closed 41 1-4c b. Oats, May opened 22 7-8c, closed 23 3-8c. July opened 23 1-4c, closed 23 5-8c. S.p. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$12.65 to \$12.70, closed at \$12.72 1-2. July opened \$12.77 1-2, closed \$12.87 1-2. Lard, May opened at \$7.02 1-2, closed \$7.17 1-2. July opened \$7.15, closed \$7.25. Ribs, May opened \$6.95, closed \$7.05. July opened at \$6.05, closed \$7.07 1-2.

Chicago, April 26.—Wheat, May opened 65 1-2 to 3-4c, closed 65 3-8c. July opened 67 3-8c, closed 67c b. Sept. opened 68 1-4c, closed 68c. Corn, May opened 39 3-8 to 40c, closed 39 1-2c a. July opened 40 1-2 to 41 1-8c, closed 40 1-2c a. Sept. opened 41 3-8 to 3-4c, closed 41c b. Oats, May opened 23 1-4c, closed 23 1-8c. July opened 23 1-2c, closed 23 1-2c. Sept. opened 22 3-4c, closed 22 1-2c. Pork, May opened \$12.75 a, closed \$12.70. July opened \$12.87 1-2, closed \$12.85. Lard, May opened \$7.17 1-2, closed \$7.22. July opened \$7.27 1-2, closed \$7.25. Ribs, May opened \$7.05, closed \$7.05. July opened \$7.07 1-2, closed \$7.07 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.73. May \$1.72 b. Sept. \$1.22. Oct. \$1.35.

Chicago, April 27.—Wheat, May opened 65 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 65 7-8c b. July opened 70 1-4 to 1-2c, closed 67 1-4c b. Sept. opened 68 7-8c, closed 68 1-2c a. Corn, May opened 39 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 39 5-8 to 3-4c. July opened 40 7-8c, closed 40 7-8c. Sept. opened 41 1-4c, closed 41 1-2c. Oats, May opened 23 1-8c, closed 23c. July opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 1-2c. Sept. opened 22 5-8c,

closed 22 1-2 to 5-8c. Pork, May opened \$12.65, closed \$12.73 1-2. July opened \$12.80, closed \$12.87 1-2. Lard, May opened \$7.20, closed \$1.92. July opened \$7.25, closed \$7.37 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$7.05, closed \$7.07 1-2. July opened \$7.02, closed \$7.10. Flax, cash \$1.73. May \$1.72. Sept. \$1.23 1-2. Oct. \$1.16 b.

Chicago, April 28.—May wheat opened at 65 7-8c, and ranged from 65 5-8 to 66 1-8. Closing prices:

Wheat—May 65 5-8c, July 67 3-8c. Corn—May 39 1-2c, July 40 3-4c. Oats—May 23 3-4c, July 23 1-4c. Pork—May, \$12.57 1-2. Lard—May, \$7.20. Ribs—\$6.95.

A week ago May option closed at 65 1-4c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 5-8c; two years ago at \$1.20 1-4; three years ago at 71 1-4c; four years ago at 59 7-8c; five years ago at 64 1-8c, and six years ago at 59 7-8c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, April 28.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.73 for cash and \$1.72 for May.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 65 7-8c, July, 67c.
 Tuesday—May, 66 1-8c; July, 67 1-4c.
 Wednesday—May, 66 7-8c; July, 68c.
 Thursday—May, 66 1-4c; July, 67 3-8c.

Friday—May, 66 7-8c; July, 68c.
 Saturday—May, 66 5-8c; July, 67 3-4c. On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 68 1-2, and cash 1 northern at 66 5-8c. A week ago May wheat closed at 66 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 72 3-8c; two years ago at \$1.16 1-2, three years ago at 73c; four years ago at 61 1-8c; five years ago at 67c; and six years ago at 61c. add sat chlcago

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

No. 1 hard closed at 67 3-4c cash, or early May delivery. Market very dull.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, April 28.—Wheat closed at 63 7-8c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 66 1-2c, and cash No. 1 northern at 65c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool April 28.—Wheat closed 1 3/8 higher.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, April 27.—1 p.m. closing: Consols for money 100 11-16; do. for the account 100 3-4; Canadian K.Pacific 98 1-4. Erie 18 5-8; Erie firsts preferred 41 1-2; Illinois Central 118; U. P. preferred 77 1-2; St. Paul common 124 1-4; N. Y. C. 139; Pennsylvania 71 1-2; Reading 9 7-8; N. P. preferred 78 1-4; Atchafson 28 1-4; Louisville 55 1-2; Rand mines 36 7-8; G. T. S. Anaconda 10 1-4; Bar silver 27 7-16d per ounce, steady. Money 4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills and for three months bills is 4 to 1-8 per cent.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 4,013,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 21. Receipts for the week were 195,000 bushels and shipments were 135,000 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 3,345,000 bushels; 939,000 bushels two years ago; 3,682,000 bushels three years ago; 3,893,000 bushels four years ago; 930,000 bushels five years ago, 2,388,000 bushels six years ago. Stocks

of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg, and Interlor country points were estimated, approximately at 8,878,000 bushels, compared with 10,000,000 bushels a year ago, 3,700,000 bushels two years ago, 6,338,000 bushels three years ago, 8,000,000 bushels four years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels five years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending April 21 there were 282 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 155; 2 hard, 50; 1 northern, 11; 2 northern, 3; 3 hard, 20. 1 frosted, 16; 2 frosted, 1; 1 rejected, 6, 2 rejected, 4, no grade, 4; 1 white lufe, 0; 3 northern, 1; condemned, 1 car.

Oats—1 white, 1; 2 white, 5; feed, 1 car.

Barley—No. 3, 3 cars.

Western Business Items.

J. A. Snyder is opening a drug store in Winnipeg.

John McLean, of Indian Head, has opened a saddlery business in Lumsden, Assa.

R. M. Mason has purchased the bakery business of Otto & Sliter, at Killarney, Man.

Gray & Smith, implements, Qu'Appelle Station, Assa., will open a branch at Balgonie.

J. McKinnon & Co. have disposed of their implement business at Dauphin to A. J. McPherson.

The Bay View hotel, at Eryden, Ont., near Watigoon, owned by W. F. Kerney, was totally destroyed by fire a few days ago.

FINANCIAL.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending April 26, show as follows:

Week ending April 26, 1900 ... \$1,660,776
 Corresponding week, 1899 1,591,527
 Corresponding week, 1898 1,344,180

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Bank of Montreal's Winnipeg branch has moved to the corner of Main street and Portage avenue, pending alterations in the bank building.

The city of Winnipeg is calling for tenders for the purchase of \$400,223.75 of local improvement debentures, and \$233,000 general debentures.

G. F. R. Harris, who has moved from Winnipeg to Toronto to take an important office with the new mortgage corporation, which has taken over his old company, the Canada Permanent, was presented with a gold watch by his former business associates here on the occasion of his leaving.

The city of Vancouver is submitting two money by-laws to the rate-payers on May 3. The first is for \$12,000, which will be applied for the purchase of a site for a cemetery and making the improvements needed thereon and the second will be for \$50,000 to be used for educational purposes.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, April 23.—The tone of the market for cattle since this day two weeks has been weaker and prices show a decline of 1-2c to 3-4c. Choice States were quoted at 12c, and Canadian at 11 1/2c.

Liverpool, April 23.—The trade in cattle was fair, and prices compared with a week ago were firmer at 11 1-2 to 12c.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 28.

Business is moderately active among jobbing houses and unusually good with the retail trade of the city. The completion of wheat seeding operations in the country is expected to release farmers from their fields to some extent, and will accordingly be followed by more active trading in the country. Seeding has been carried on this year under exceptionally favorable circumstances as regards weather and condition of land, and has been followed this week by a fine rain throughout southwestern Manitoba, which will ensure an early sprout. Traffic, both freight and passenger, throughout the west is heavy and there is a large inflow of new settlers. Navigation opened at Fort William on Tuesday, which will still further stimulate trade. Bank clearings at Winnipeg increased slightly this week over the corresponding period of last year. Interest rates remain unchanged at 6 to 8 per cent for mercantile loans.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, April 28.

(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.)

BINDER TWINE.

The twine market is without change. Prices are steady at 11 1-2c per pound for sisal and standard, 14 1-2c for manila and 10c for pure manila f.o.b. Minneapolis, Duluth and Fort William in carlots. For less than carlots add 1-4c per pound. It is likely that there will be no change in prices until something is known as to the actual requirements of the harvest. If there should be any considerable shortage in the crops of the United States the surplus twine would no doubt be dumped on this market.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Travellers now on the road are meeting with considerable business and house sales are also satisfactory. The new prices on rubber footwear issued the first of the month seem to be satisfactory to the retail trade, as they were prepared for the advance beforehand. Competition for rubber orders is keen but the jobbers are so far as can be seen holding strictly to the agreement regarding prices.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

Stone and lime are in active demand at the following prices: Standard rubble \$3.50 per cord; Stone wall rubble \$3.50 per cord; Stony Mountain rubble \$4 per cord. White lime is worth 2-4c per bushel, and grey lime 1-6c per bushel.

CURED MEATS.

There are no further changes to note in prices but these are very firm as quoted on our "prices current" page. Some are predicting further advances as there is a good demand for all kinds of meat, but this may not mature.

DRUGS.

The drug market is moderately active and prices mostly unchanged. Camphor shows renewed strength and is 10c dearer. Glycerine has advanced 3c per pound to 25 to 28c.

FISH.

Fresh caught fish are expected in the market next week. Meanwhile there is a good demand for frozen stock at unchanged prices which we quote as follows: Whitefish, frozen, per pound, 6 to 6 1-2c; pickerel, 3 1-2c; pike, 3c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12 1-2c; salmon, round cuts, 10c; halibut, 11c; salt whitefish, in half barrels, \$6.50; haddock, 7c; salt cod, 7c; mackerel, fresh, 15c; fresh herring, 20c; Labrador herring, in half barrels, \$4.00.

GREEN FRUITS.

The demand for green fruits is increasing owing to warmer weather and there is a fairly large movement now. Navel oranges are firmer and one favorite brand is selling as high as \$5.00. Seedlings are quoted as high as \$3.75. Strawberries are up to \$6.50. Some United States new maple sugar is offering at 15c per pound. We quote prices as follows: California navel oranges, \$4.75 to \$5 per case for regular sizes. California seedlings, \$3.50 to \$3.75 fancy Med. sweets, \$4; California lemons, per box, \$4.75; bananas, \$3.00 to \$3.50; pineapples per dozen, \$5.00, apples, winter, \$1.00 to \$5.00 per barrel; strawberries, \$6.50 per case; coconuts, per dozen, 80c; Grenoble walnuts, 15c; Taragona almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, green, 9c, roasted 12c; pecan nuts 15c per lb; new maple sugar, per pound 15c; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider put up in 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 35c; California layer figs in 10 pound boxes, \$1.40; new Smyrna in glove boxes, \$2.00 per dozen; 10 lb. boxes, \$1.50 per box; dates, 7c per lb. in 1 lb cartons, 10c; honey in 1-lb. glass jars, per dozen jars, \$2.50; American red onions, 3c per lb; lettuce, radish, onion and parsley per dozen bunches, 50c; sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$7; California celery, 90c per dozen bunches; new California cabbage 5c per lb; rhubarb 12c per pound.

GROCERIES.

No further changes have occurred in canned goods. Green Rio coffee is still firm and though the market fluctuates considerably there is no change in the jobbing price here. Corn meal has advanced about 15c per sack. There is no change to note in dried fruit excepting that Valencia raisins have advanced about 1c and are practically out of primary hands and scarce in the hands of wholesalers. California dried fruit has not changed and prices are still abnormally high. Small sizes of prunes are exceedingly scarce. Sugars, while lower in the east, are still selling at old prices here as jobbers have large stocks on hand bought at old prices. Business is moving freely, but money is scarce.

HARDWARE.

Demand is active for all kinds of reasonable hardware, and prices show only one change. Zinc sheets have been reduced 50c per 100 pounds.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

There is a good volume of business doing in this line and prospects for the season are bright. The slump in turpentine which came so unexpectedly in the east has been followed by a decline here of 14c per gallon which is one of the most phenomenal cuts ever made in the price of this commodity in this market. The reasons assigned are heavy selling by the Standard Oil Company and the opening of navigation. Prices are now 78 and 83c per gal. for barrel and

less than barrel lots respectively. Linseed oil has advanced 3c per gallon which added to the 2c advance of last week makes a total of 5c within two weeks. Prices are now 81c per gallon for raw and 81c for boiled. The recent advance in plate glass cast has not been followed here.

RAW FURS.

Receipts are fairly liberal and prices unchanged as follows: Badgers, prime, 25c to 50c; bears, black, yearlings, \$5 to \$8; black, small, \$5 to \$12; black, medium, \$10 to \$15; black, large, \$15 to \$25; brown, yearlings, \$1 to \$6; brown small, \$5 to \$10; brown, medium, \$10 to \$15; brown, large, \$15 to \$20; beaver, small, \$1.50 to \$3; medium, \$3 to \$5; large, \$5 to \$7; fishers, dark, \$6 to \$9; pale, \$3 to \$6; fox, silver dark, large, \$50 to \$200; cross, \$5 to \$15, red, \$1 to \$3; lynx, large, \$1.50 to \$4; middling, \$1 to \$3; small, 50c to \$1.50; marten, large, dark, \$4 to \$12; large, pale or brown, \$3.50 to \$8; large, light pile, \$2.50 to \$5; mink, large, dark, \$1.50 to \$4; small, dark, \$1 to \$1.50; musquash, winter, 2c to 10c; otter, large, dark, \$6 to \$12; large, pale, \$5 to \$8; skunk, large, 50c to \$1; wolf, timber, large, \$2 to \$3; prairie, 10c to \$1; wolverine, large, dark, \$3 to \$5; large, pale, \$1.50 to \$2.

SCRAP.

We quote prices as follows: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable \$14 per ton, No. 2, \$7 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 per ton; heavy copper, 10 1-2c per pound; red brass, 8 to 8 1-2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1-2c per pound; light brass, 4 1-2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c; rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound; white ledger paper 1c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have made a rather better showing the past week compared to the week previous. While no great activity has been evidenced there has been a stronger tone and a slight improvement in price amounting to 3-4 to 1c per bushel on the week. Continental markets have been dull and heavy and in one or two instances have lost value during the week, but the English and especially the American markets have shown throughout the daily variation in values a strength which seems to auger well for the future of prices. And this is in the face of generally very bearish statistics and crop news. For the cash demand has continued on a quiet and moderate scale, albeit it is reported improved in the last day or two; and the movement of wheat towards importing countries is still very large, the world's shipments last week being \$1,100,000 bushels compared to 6,944,000 bushels previous week and 5,600,000 bushels same week last year, and the quantity on ocean passage was increased 1,500,000 bushels. Then the world's visible supply, according to Bradstreet's, decreased only 968,000 bushels on the week, compared to a decrease of 2,377,000 bushels previous week and a decrease for same week a year ago of 3,772,000 bushels. All these are very bearish statistics. Then the crop news has been of a very favorable kind for the crop. The Cincinnati Price Current's summary for the week states that the past week had been the "best growing week of the season."

Wheat outlook maintained or improved. Seasonable progress in other crops." This report covers principally the winter wheat States. At the same time it may be remembered that some of the large winter wheat States notably Ohio, Indiana and Michigan are so badly damaged by hessian fly and winter killing that probably a third of their acreage has been ploughed up and sown to oats or planted with corn, and the remainder is estimated to raise not more than half a crop. Kansas and the south-western country, however, have splendid crops, and the wheat in Texas is already coming into head. Spring wheat seeding in the Northwest States and Manitoba is practically completed. The seed time has been one of the most favorable on record, and has been accomplished with scarcely any interruption, the land being in fine shape though perhaps too dry in the lighter districts, and much of it already needs a good soaking rain, nothing but very light showers have fallen since October. European crops do not show any particular improvement over previous reports, the weather not having improved in seasonableness to any great extent, and the condition is backward with considerable damage to the wheat crop in the north and east of France.

The local market has been quiet but firm, and business is restricted in volume. Holders who have held tenaciously through declining markets are not disposed to let go on the first sign of improvement, and shippers are not ready buyers, and will not likely be so until after the first few cargoes are cleared out of lake ports. Navigation at Fort William and Duluth is now open and several boats will be cleared within the next few days. The price of 1 baro spot Fort William has improved 1c on the week. At the beginning of the week it stood at 67c, and on Wednesday it advanced to 67 3/4c. On Thursday it fell back to 67 1/2c, and yesterday outside markets being again stronger it rose to 6c, where it closed. Two hard and 1 northern are 21-2c under 1 hard; 3 hard 5c under 1 hard; 1 frosted 59 1/2c and 2 frosted 55c, all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—Demand is moderately active and prices steady. We quote: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.95; Glenora patent, \$1.75; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.45; XXXX, \$1.10, Lake of the Woods' Five Roses, \$1.35; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Mac's, \$1.10. XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 95 pounds, delivered in Winnipeg.

MILFEED—Prices are. Bran, \$1.50 per ton; shorts, \$16.50.

GROUND FEED—We quote now. Oat chop, \$23 per ton, barley chop, \$17, mixed feed of barley and oats, \$20; corn chop, \$19, oil cake, \$27.

OATS—The market is weaker and prices have declined about 1c per bushel from the top quotation of a week ago. Receipts are light and the demand small. No. 2 white oats are worth about 30 to 31c per bushel in carlots or sack here and No. 2 mixed 29 to 30c.

BARLEY—Bellevue's are very light. There is practically nothing doing. Carlots on track are worth from 33 to 36c according to quality.

CORN—Corn is selling in carlots on track at about 48c per bushel. Movement is very small.

WHEAT—The wheat market in the country is very quiet. Buyers quote from 52 to 54c per bushel to farmers according to freight rate.

FLAXSEED—Nothing doing. Seed flax would readily bring a high price here if obtainable probably \$1.50 or \$1.75 per bushel.

OATMEAL—Manitoba millers are selling to the retail trade at \$1.65 per sack of 50 pounds. Some United States meal has been handled one car having been sold this week at \$1.57 1/2 per sack to the jobbing trade.

HAY—The market is very dull. Fresh baled hay is worth \$5 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, \$3 to \$4.

BUTTER—Creamery.—None offering yet from country points. Some enquiries have been received for quotations.

BUTTER—Fairly—Choice dairy butter is scarce and hard to obtain while inferior goods are too plentiful. Companies on houses find it difficult to keep their customers supplied with even a passably good article. While choice dairy butter properly packed is worth as high as 28c on a commission basis in the city there is very little offering that obtains such a price and the bulk of the receipts only realize from 15 to 17c per pound on a commission basis. So one grade is worth from 10 to 15c. The fine rain which fell this week in the southwest will probably make fresh grass butter possible in a very few weeks.

CHEESE—Barring one lot of about 1,000 pounds of new made cheese which offers this week there has as yet been no fresh cheese offered so far as we have heard. The holder asked 14 1/2c for this. Old cheese is offering in limited quantities at 14 to 14 1/2c net to the retail trade.

EGGS—Heavy receipts have forced the market down to 10c per dozen this week, commission basis. This is a decline of 2c per dozen from last week's figure.

VEGETABLES—Farmers' deliveries of potatoes have fallen off largely and the market is firmer in consequence. As high as 50c per bushel wholesale has been paid. We quote Potatoes, 45 to 50c per bushel, turnips, 25 to 30c, carrots, 60c; beets, 40 to 50c; parsnips 1 1/2c per lb; onions, \$1.50 per bushel, California, cabbage, 5c per lb; lettuce and parsley, 30c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20c per dozen; spinach, 10c per lb; asparagus, \$1.00 per dozen.

DRESSED MEATS—The fact that there has so far been no export movement of cattle and that domestic requirements have accordingly been called upon to absorb the supply of stall fattened cattle to a large extent has led to a decline in prices of 1-2c per pound. The highest quotation we hear now is 7c per pound for extra choice beef. The range is from 6 to 7c. Veal has been advanced by some butchers to 9 to 9 1/2c per pound, but others are still quoting 8 to 9c. As high as 11c is being asked for fresh killed mutton, with a range of from 10 to 11c. Frozen mutton is worth 8 to 9c per pound. Hogs are quoted at 6 1/2 to 7c per pound and even higher than 7c is paid for extra choice lots. The feeling in regard to hogs is very firm, and supplies are a little scarce.

POULTRY AND GAME—Turkeys are worth about 11c per lb; ducks 10c; geese, 9c, and chickens, 11c. Live chickens, 65c per pair, very few offering. Wild geese 75c apiece retail. Dealers are paying 50 to 60c apiece for geese.

HIDES—Receipts are light and the quality poor. Dealers are still paying 7c per lb. for No. 1 inspected hides, but for the most part are not anxious to

buy at that price as outside markets do not warrant such figure. We quote No. 1 inspected hides, 7c, No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3, kip, 7c; calf, 8 to \$1-2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, 40 to 50c each, horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—It looks as if the wool market would open weaker this season as eastern markets are off and there is a general tendency to view the situation in that light. No wool is offering here yet, of course. The nominal value is 8 to 9c per pound for unwashed fleece.

SLINCA ROOT—We have been quoting 28c per pound for old root, which was the price in the last sale we know of here. Recent Minneapolis quotations indicate, however, that a new lot will be worth more than that as 38c per pound is now being quoted for a new Minnesota and Manitoba root at Minneapolis. For poor and bulky 10 to 2c per pound less is being offered.

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 31-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 21-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—With ocean freight rates quoted at the figure they are now, namely 65 to 70s to Birkenhead, export business from Manitoba is out of the question. It is confidently stated by a good authority that every recent shipment of Canadian cattle to England has a tick the owners a loss more or less serious in its dimensions. No shipments have been attempted from Manitoba lately so that the cattle which would ordinarily have found their way to British markets are being offered for home consumption and prices are lower in consequence. The regular quotation for beef cattle off cars, Winnipeg is about 12c per pound lower at 33-4c for choicest steers. Good stock is worth 3 to 3 1/2c and common 2 1/2 to 3c. Stockers are moving freely both west and south. Several train loads have passed through the city. Buyers are paying good prices, as high as \$15 to \$18 being quoted for yearlings and \$22 to \$26 for two year olds.

SHEEP—The movement is still light. There is talk of bringing in shipments from the east to supply the market until the Territorial ranch sheep are ready for marketing. Buyers offer 4 1/2 to 5c per pound for choice stock weighed off cars here.

HOGS—Hogs are a little scarce and the market has firmed up somewhat. As high as \$5.10 is now being paid for choice lots off cars Winnipeg. Second grades range from \$1 to \$1.50 per 100 lbs. according to weight and quality.

MILCH COWS—Cows are in good demand and readily bring from \$30 to 40 each.

HORSES—Horses are in fair demand for spring work. Good work horses weighing about 1,300 lbs. are worth here from \$150 to \$175 each, roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of lighter weight run from \$100 to \$140 each when halter broken.

The Deloraine Farmer's Elevator Company is seeking incorporation under provincial laws.

Farmers in the vicinity of H. Bluff, Man. contemplate establishing an elevator at that point.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
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Business in British Columbia.

Vancouver, April 23
The merchants of the coast cities of British Columbia still complain of dull times and tight money, the bank clearings from week to week continue to decrease, and the customs returns show that from 50 to 75 per cent more goods are coming into the country than this time last year. In spite of this merchants and wholesalers were far more hopeful in the spring of 1899 than they are to-day. Among the many causes given of the present dull time are the labor troubles in the Kootenay and the political unrest throughout the province.

In the city of Vancouver the bricklayers, stone cutters and stevedores are on strike. The Pacific Coast Steamship company, which handles all the through freight arriving by the C. P. R. for San Francisco and the Sound, and who depended on the stevedores union for handling their freight, are seriously affected by the stevedores strike, particularly as there is a jam of San Francisco freight at present at Vancouver; over 200 cars being now piled up here. This jam of freight was caused by shippers, who had freight contracts with the C. P. R., being desirous of getting through all the freight possible before their contract expired as the C. P. R. 10 per cent differential rate, enjoyed by that road as an advantage over other transcontinental lines, was discontinued on the 20th of March. Owing partly to the bricklayers' strike and partly to the high price lumber, building is not active in Vancouver.

At present British Columbia has a serious problem to face in the tremendous influx of Japanese immigrants, 1,000 Japanese have arrived in Vancouver for the past week and quite as many in Victoria. In both cities the Japanese boarding houses are over-crowded.

At a recent visit of the health officer, of Vancouver to the Japanese boarding houses, he found as many as 10 Japanese confined to one room and served several writs on boarding house proprietors for the infraction of the health by-law in this direction.

M. Shimizu, the Japanese consul here, states that the emigration will cease at the end of this month, and that the present great influx is caused by a Seattle paper printed in Japanese and sent to Japan, setting forth that there was room for many thousands of Japanese on the coast, as wood-choppers, railway laborers, etc.

The R. M. S. Mowera arrived from Australia this week bringing 1,811 carcasses of mutton, 300 boxes of fresh creamery butter and 1,250 cases of canned roast meats.

The only feature in the local market is the downward tendency of prices of dairy produce.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, April 23

Business is dull and money tight. In a way of changes, eggs are easier. Manitoba stock is now coming in. Butter is easier. Australian creamery is offering at 27c. Cured meats and lard are 1-2c higher.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 28c. California creamery, 25 1-2. Australian creamery, 27c. Fresh dairy, 24 1-2 to 25c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 18 to 20c; Manitoba eggs, 18 to 20c, as to quality Oregon eggs, 20c per dozen.

CHEESE—California cheese, 14c. **GREEN FRUIT**—Oranges, n. rel. \$2.50 to \$3.00, seedlings, \$2.00; California lemons, \$2.00 to \$3.50; bananas, \$2.75.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs., \$3.25; in 50 lb. sacks, \$3.00 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$1.90; strong bakers', \$1.60; Oregon, \$1.55 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14 1-2 to 15c, breakfast bacon, 13 1-2 to 14c, backs, 13c long clear, 10 1-2c, rolls, 12 1-2 to 13c smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Fins, 11c per lb, patts 10 1-2c; tubs, 10c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c. whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c; bloaters, 7c; cod, 6c per lb., crabs, 60c per dozen.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c, geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock, \$15.00 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$20 to \$22 ton; cabbage 2 1-2c; lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$2 per ton; red onions, 11-2c per lb., silver-skins 2 1-2c.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton, bran, \$20, shorts, \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton, 10 lb. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 7 1-2 to 8c; mutton, 11c; pork, 6 1-2 to 9c; veal, 10c.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.75 to \$4.00 per 100 lbs.; lambs, \$1.50 each; cows, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; sheep, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$6.00 per 100 lbs.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17 to 18c; peaches, 10 to 11c; pitted plums, 12 1-2 to 13 1-2c; prunes, French, 5 1-2 to 8c; London Taylor raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 8c; 3 crown, 8 1-2c. 4 crown, 9c. dates, 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box, \$1.45; silver prunes, 2 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2 to 13c; nectarines, 14c. Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c. 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 1-2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; Gilberts, 12 1-2c. peanuts, 9c. Brazil 12 1-2c; walnuts, 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump, 6 1-4c; granulated, 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c; fancy yellows, 4 1-2c; yellow, 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—10 gallon barrels, 21-4 lb.; 10 gallon kegs, 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India; fair, 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron — Base, \$3.50.

Horse shoe nails, discount, 10 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5.25. Wire nails — Base price, \$4.50 cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 16c. Rolloed oil, 85c. White lead, \$8.50. Putty, \$2.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, April 28.

The supply of fresh eggs is coming mostly from Manitoba and the Territories at present, and is very good stock so far. Prices are 1c lower at 17c per dozen. Ontario creamery butter is offering now. Both dairy and creamery are 1c lower this week. Cheese is 1-2c lower. Potatoes have declined again this week, and are now offering \$1 per ton lower at \$19.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 25c; choice dairy, 23c.

Cheese—Large, 15c; small sizes, 15 1-2 per pound.

Eggs—Fresh ranch eggs, 17c.

Oats—Per ton, \$26.

Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.80.

Hay—Per ton, \$25.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$19.

British Columbia Notes.

T. H. Brown will open a jewelry store at Nelson.

Olson & Pichan, merchants, Greenwood, have assigned to Thos. A. Garland.

The stage service between Grand Forks and Rossburg, Wash., has been resumed.

F. J. Hall & Co. have purchased the groceries and provision business at Victoria of J. & C. A. Haynes.

Plans for new C. P. R. stations at Revelstoke and Kamloops, to be erect ed this year, have been prepared.

E. Mansfield has bought out the plant and business of the West Kootenay Brick and Lime Company at Nelson.

W. D. MacGowan & Co., have purchased the grocery business of George Adam at New Westminster.

P. Duran & Co.'s new premises at Nelson were damaged by fire on Tuesday afternoon. The loss amounts to about \$5,000.

C. A. Bigney has formed a partnership with M. W. Day in the Slovan Bottling Co. The new firm will be known as Day & Bigney.

The Greenwood & Phoenix Tramway Company has been organized for the purpose of building a tramway line from Greenwood to Phoenix with branches into Deadwood, Wellington and Summit camps. The line will connect with the Great Northern Railway.

The following new companies have been incorporated: The Ship Dismant Company, of Victoria; capital \$61,000, The Vancouver Breweries, capital \$250,000; The Kootenay Cigar Manufacturing Company, of Nelson; and the British Lion Gold Mining Company, of Fairview, capital \$250,000.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., wholesale provision and produce merchants, Winnipeg, have their Nelson branch now comfortably located in a handsome new warehouse, just completed. The building is unusually well arranged for the business and combines features which no other business house in the Kootenays possesses. The warehouse is 45x100 feet in dimension, two storeys high.

Arbor Day.

Next Friday being a holiday, Arbor Day, advertisers are requested to send in changes earlier than usual. Changes are requested by Wednesday afternoon.

R. A. Rogers, manager of the Parson's Produce Company, returned to Winnipeg this week from a three months' visit to British Columbia and the Yukon.

J. A. Hamilton, lately with Geo. H. Rogers & Co., Winnipeg, has taken the road with boot and shoe samples for H. G. Middleton & Bro., wholesale boots and shoes, Winnipeg. Mr. Hamilton should make a successful traveler, his genial and friendly disposition fitting him well for this work.

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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

ANVILS—Per lb., 10 to 12 1-2c; anvil and vice combined, each \$3 to \$4.60.

ADGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, 85 to \$1.65.

AXES—Bench, 30 and 10 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$7 to \$12; double bit, per dozen, \$12 to \$18.

BEARS—Crow, \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

BELLOWS—20-24, \$4.50; 26, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.25; 36 \$8.10; 38, \$9; 40, \$10.85.

BELTING—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 60 per cent; extra, 50 per cent. off new list.

BITS, AUGER—American, 50 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.

BLUESTONE—6 1 2c lb.

BOLTS—Carriage, 42 1-2 per cent; machine, 45 per cent; plow, 40 per cent; sleigh shoe, 65 per cent; stove, 55 per cent; tire, 65 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor, Cyclone, and Jubilee, plain, 60c; Cyclone and Jubilee tarred, 75c; Anchor, tarred, 65c, Shield, tarred, 55c.

BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com. 60 per cent; Peter, oro', 33 1-3 per cent wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent, loose pin, 60 per cent; bronze, 45c up.

CALK BRIDGES—Rim fire, Am. discount, 40 per cent; Dom. 50 and 5 per cent; per cent; centre fire, pistol, Am. discount 10 per cent, Dom. discount 30 per cent; military and sporting, Am. net list, Dom. 15 per cent.

CEMENT—Portland, barrel, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

CHAIN—Coll, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lbs. \$11; do. 1-4 in. \$9.00; do. 5-16 in. \$6.50; 3-8 in. \$6.00; do. 7-16 in. \$5.75; do. 1-2 in. and up, \$5.50. Jack, iron, single per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, per dozen yards, 25c to \$1. Log, 5-16, \$8.50; 3-8, \$8.00. Trace, per dozen pairs, \$3.75 to \$5.50.

CHURNS—B. B. steel frame, 55 per cent; wood frame, 20 per cent less net.

COPPER—Tinned sheets, 28c; planished, 33c; boiler and T. K. pits, plain tinned, per lb., 29c; spun, 33c.

FILES—Com. 70 per cent, Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb.; broken, 12 1-2c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 25c.

GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, \$3.75; Diamond, light \$1.75 case; dark, \$1.75; Mica, \$3.00.

GRINDSTONES—\$1.50 100 lbs.

HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.

HARVEST TOOLS—55 per cent.

HORSEHOES—Iron shoe, keg, 0 and 1, \$4.90; 2 and larger, \$4.65. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, \$5.20; 2 and larger, \$4.95.

RINGS—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lbs., \$6.25 to \$7.20; light do., 60 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in. 5c per lb.; 12 in. up, per lb., 4c.

IRON—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$3.10. Band iron, 100 lbs., \$3.40 base. Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$5.00 base. Sheet, black, 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.50; 22 to 26 gauge, \$3.75; 28 gauge, \$4.00. Galvanized, American, 16 gauge, \$4.25; 18 to 22, \$4.50; 24 gauge, \$4.75; 26 gauge, \$5.00; 28 gauge, \$5.25 per 100 lbs; Queen's head, 25c advance on Am. prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blaine, \$1.00. Imitation Russian sheets 7 to 8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb. 12 to 13c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb. 6c; sheet, 6 1-2c.

NAILS—Cut—30d up, \$3.40; 20d, \$3.45; 10d, \$3.50; 8d, \$3.55; 6d, \$3.70; 4d, \$3.80; 3d, \$4.05; 2d, \$4.40. Wire nails, 4 1-2 in. up, \$4; 4 in., \$4.05; 3 in., \$4.10; 3 1-2 in., \$4.15; 2 in., \$4.30; 1 1-2 in., \$4.40; 1 1-4 in. \$4.65; 1 in., \$5. Horse nails, pointed, finished, oval heads, list price. No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box; discount on these prices, 40 per cent.

PICKS—Gray, \$7 doz.; pick mattocks, \$8 dozen.

PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, 1-4 inch, \$3.82 1 2; 3-8, \$3.82 1-2; 1-2, \$4.72 1 2; 3-4, \$5.17 1-2; 1 inch, \$7.42 1-2; 1 1-4, \$9.90; 1 1-2, \$12.15; 2 inch, \$16.20; larger, 45 per cent. Galvanized, 1 1-4 inch, \$8.80; 3 8, \$8.80; 1-2, \$9.35; 3-4, \$10.45; 1 inch, \$14.30; 1 1-4 inch, \$19.80; 1 1-2 inch, \$24.20; 2 inch, \$32.45. Stove, 6 inch, \$9.25; 7 inch, \$10.00 per 100 lengths.

PITCH—Pine, \$4 per barrel.

PLASTER—Per barrel, \$3.25.

RIVETS AND BOLTS—Carriage, section 37 1-2 per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37 1-2 per cent; copper rivets and bolts, 33 1-2c; cartons 1c per lb. extra net.

ROPE—Cotton, 1-4 to 1-2 inch, and larger, 15c lb.; deep sea, 10 1-2c; lath yarn, 1c; Manila, per lb., 16c base; sisal, 1c 1-2c base.

SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 75, 10 per cent; R. H. discount 70; F. H. brass, discount 70; R. H. brass, discount 60 and 5 per cent. Bench, wood, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50; bench, iron, per doz., \$4.50 to \$6; coach screws, 57 1-2 per cent.

SHELLS—Loaded—Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, \$1.65, chilled, \$1.89; 10 gauge, soft \$2.15, chilled \$2.30; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge soft \$2.10, chilled \$2.25; No. 10 gauge, soft \$2.00, chilled \$2.75.

SHOT—Soft, 6 1-4c per lb.; chilled, 6 3-4c; buckshot, 7 1-4c.

SOLDER—Half and half per lb., 23c.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb. 32c.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 per cent.

STEEL—Sleigh shoe, \$3.60 base; spring \$4.25 base; machinery, \$4.25 base; share com. \$4.75 base; share, crucible, \$5.50; toe calk, \$4.25 base; tire steel, \$3.75 base; cast tool steel, lb. 9 to 12 1-2c.

STEEL ROLLER PLATE—3-16 inch, \$4.25 1-4, 3-8 inch and thicker, \$4.00.

STAPLES—Galvanized, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

TAR—Coal tar, per barrel, \$5.

TIN—Lamb and flag, 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb. 35c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, 1 C, 10 x 14, 12x12, and 14x20, \$5.75; 1 X same size box, \$6.75; 1 C, charcoal, 20 x 28 1 1/2 sheets to box, \$11.00; 1 X box 20x28, 1 1/2 sheets, \$13.00.

TERNI PLATES—1 C, 20x28, \$10.50.

TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2 1-2 per cent; retined, 70 and 10 per cent.

TRAPS—Game, H. & N., No. 0, \$1.92 doz.; No. 1, \$2.25; No. 1 1-2, \$3.38; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$6.30; No. 4, \$7.42; bear, No. 5, \$7.50.

TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 16 1 2c per foot. 2 1 2 inch, 21 1-2c; 3 inch, 23c per foot.

VISES—B. S. Wright's 14c; Sampson, 40-50 pounds, \$6.50 to \$7 each; parallel, \$2 to \$7 each.

WADS—Grey felt, 75c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauge, 20c per lb.; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per lb. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 65c per 1,000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1,000; 7 and 8 gauges, \$1 per 1,000.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line wire, 18 gauge, per 1,000 feet, \$3.50. Galvanized, 4 barb. regular, \$4.00; galvanized, plain twist, \$4.00.

ZINC—Sheets, in casks, \$8 per 100 lbs.; broken lots, \$8.50.

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ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$6.50.

BENZINE—Case, \$3.50.

DRY COLORS—White lead, lb. 7 1-2c; red lead, kegs, 7c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrels 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1-2c, less than barrels 4c; Venetian red, barrels 3c, less than barrels 4c; American vermilion, 15c English vermilion, \$1 per lb.; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1-2c, less than barrel lots 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1-2c, less quantities 4c lb.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3.50.

GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, \$2.50; 26 to 40, \$2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 41 to 50, \$6.00; 51 to 60, \$6.50; 61 to 70, \$7.00 per 100 feet boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 81c; boiled, gal., 84c in barrels; less than barrels, 6c gal extra, with additional charges for cans and casks.

OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30 to 33c; cylinder oil 53 to 78c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb.; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2.00 gal.

PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid col-

ors, gallon, \$1.40 to \$1.90, as to shade and quality.

PORTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1-2c lb.; in 100 lb. kegs, 2 3-4c; do. less than barrels, 3c lb.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 20 1-2c; Oleopheno, 23 1-4c; Sunlight, 24c; and Eocene, 27c per gallon.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 83c; less than barrels, 85c per gallon. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.30; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.60 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50; to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.70; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.25 pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.50 per 100 lbs.; No. 1, \$7.25.

WHITING—\$1.25 per 100 lbs. gross weight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for plus lumber:

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber, 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12 and 8x8 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$20.00. Timber 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8 and 3 1/2 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18.50; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$17.50; dimension, 2x1, 10 feet long, \$18; dimension, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$17.50; dimension, 2x6, 10 feet long, 16.50; dimension, 2x4 to 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$15; cull plank all widths, \$12.00; cull plank, re-sawn, \$12.00. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width. \$1 per M. advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.

BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$23.00; second common, 10 to 16 feet, \$18.00; third common, 10 to 16 feet, \$17.50; culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$16.00; 1-2 inch sheathing, S. I. S., 10 to 18 feet, \$14.00; second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$19.50; second common stock, 8 to 10 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$18.50; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$28.00; No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20.50. \$2 per M. less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawing boards \$1 per M extra.

SHIPLAP—Shiplap, 8 and 10 in., \$19; shiplap, 6 in., \$18.00; shiplap, culls, 8 and 10 in., \$16.50; culls, 6 in., \$13.50. \$2 per M. less for 8 feet and under.

FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$20.00; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$16.50, flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$36.00; do., second white pine, \$32.00; do., third white pine, \$25; do., 5 and 6 in., first and second red pine, \$27.50; do., 4 in. first and second red pine, \$6.00; do., 5 and 6 in. third red pine, \$22.50; do., 4 in. third red pine, \$21.50; do., 5 and 6 in. fourth red and white pine, \$19.50; do., 4 in fourth red and white pine, \$17.50; do., 4, 5 and 6 in. culls, \$15.50. \$2 per M less for 8 feet and under. \$1 per M. advance for dressing two sides 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 in. flooring \$1 per M advance over 1 in. Bevel siding, No. 1, 1-2 in x 6 in., \$21.50; bevel siding, No. 2, 1-2 in x 6 in., \$18.50.

FINISHING—1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine, \$15.50; do., select white pine, \$35.50; do., shop, \$30.50. \$5 per M. advance on 2 1-2 in. and thicker. 1 1-4, 1 1-2 and 2 in. clear red pine, \$31.50; do. select red pine \$27.00; 1 in. first and second clear white pine, \$48.00; do. third clear white pine, \$37.00; do. B. select white pine, \$30.50; do. C. select white pine, \$25.50; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in. \$42.00; do. 8 and 10 in., \$40; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$37.00, do., 8 and 10 in., \$35.00; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$30; do., 8 and 10 in., \$28.00; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31.50; do., select, \$26.50. Selected widths, \$2 per M. extra.

MOULDINGS—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c window stops, do., 50c; door stops, do., 75c. quarter round and core, do., 50c; 4 in. casing, do., \$1.60; 6 in casing, do., \$2; 6 in casing, do., \$2.40; 8 in base, do., \$3.25; 10 in. base, do., \$4. All other mouldings 60 per cent discount off universal moulding list. Lath, per M, \$3.50. pine shingles, 6 in. clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

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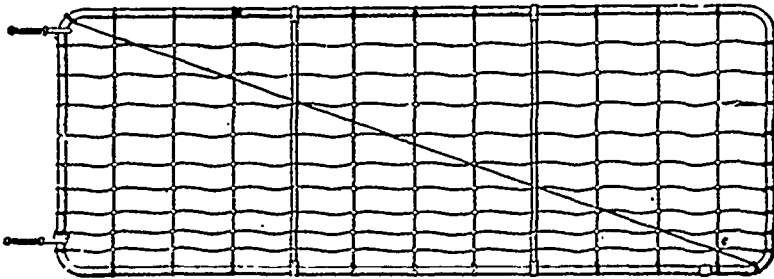
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Insolvency Legislation.

A bill is now before the Territorial Assembly which provides for a change in the regulations regarding administration of insolvent estates. It is proposed to make it compulsory that assignees shall be residents of the districts in which insolvent estates are located. It is understood that this bill has already passed its second reading and will be introduced by a private member is not being opposed by the government. The effect of such legislation should the bill become law cannot fail to be contrary to the interests of all parties concerned. The objection to the existing system is said to be that the assignee is generally a resident of Winnipeg. This is so and is due to the fact that in almost every case the largest creditors are Winnipeg and eastern lobbying houses

and they are interested in having the estates administered by persons who know how to do so economically. As to an assignee would in the nature of the case, very rarely be skilled in such business and unnecessary losses would be sure to follow. The only recourse open to eastern creditors if this bill passes will be to curtail their credit in the Territories and sell their goods only for cash, excepting to customers whose ability to pay is at all times beyond question.

The Western Co-operative Loan and Investment Company have formed a local board at Sidney, Man.

Scaled tenders, addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply of from 3,000 to 10,000 barrels of cement will be received up to Monday, May 7.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 28.
Dry goods—Business is good. Summer sorting orders are large, and some fall business is being done where prices at tract buyers.

Hardware—Trade is better. Letter orders are more numerous. There has been a flurry in the wire market and New York was unsettled. Dealers are becoming more settled now. No change in barb wire or wire nails. Galvanized iron pipe is lower owing to cutting in price. Half inch is selling at \$5.30, 3/4 inch at \$6.35, 1 inch and 1 1/4 inch \$12.45, 1 1/2 inch at \$13.75, 2 inch at \$19.90. New list issued. Lamp chimney manufacturers are advancing their prices 15 to 20 per cent. No. 0 now 39c per doz., A 40c, B 58c. An association has been formed to prevent cutting. Galvanized iron is active. Stocks here are fair but very much reduced. Linseed oil is firmer, raw 72c, boiled 75c. There is talk of an advance in white lead after May 15.

Groceries—Trade is fair and uninteresting. A butchers' strike is aggravating the situation. Complaints about delivery and effect curtains business. Canned vegetables are a little more active, but wholesalers are holding off. Jobbers prices are steady. Peaches and plums are firm. Teas are slightly easier.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 28.
Grain dull owing to fact that all steamer space from Montreal for May has been taken. Prices are steady. Butter receipts have been liberal and dairy is 2c lower. Creamery is 1c lower. Eggs are 3-4c higher. Bran and shorts are \$1 to \$2 lower per ton. Dried apples are 1-2c dearer and evaporated 1-2c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.00 to \$4.10, Manitoba bakers, \$3.70, car lots, Ontario patent, \$2.55 to \$2.75 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 61 1-2 to 65 1-2c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 65 to 65 1-2 at eastern points; No. 1 hard, 79c, North Bay.

Oats—26 1-2 to 28 1-2c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights.

Barley—No. 2, 42 to 43c, country points.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$16 to \$17 per ton; bran, \$15 to \$16 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.30 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 11 1-2c per dozen.

Butter—Large dairy rolls, 11 to 12c, pound prints, 12 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 17 to 18c; prints, 18 to 19c.

Cheese—12c for now fodder goods for job lots to the local trade and 13c for old.

Hides—\$3-4c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1-4c; country hides 12c under these prices; sheepskins, \$1.25 to \$1.40; spring lambs, 15 to 20c; calfskins, 10c for No. 1, and 9c for No. 2; tallow, 53-4 to 6c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 16 to 17c; unwashed, 11c.

Beans—\$1.75 per bushel for choice hand picked.

Dried Apples—5 1-2 to 6c for round lots; evaporated, 63-4 to 7c.

Honey—Sold at 9 to 10c in bulk. Maple Syrup—Quoted at 90 to 95c for wine gal. and \$1.10 to \$1.15 for imperial gal.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 85c per pair; turkeys, 12 to 14c per lb.; geese, 7 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 90c per pair.

Potatoes—Quoted at 35c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$7 to \$7.25 per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

Seed—Timothy, \$1.40 to \$1.80 per 100 lbs.; red clover, \$5 to \$6; alsike, \$4.80 to \$7.20.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 28.
Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 700 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 hogs.

Export Cattle—Demand very weak. Few good cattle offered, and part of these were left unsold. Prices, \$4.40 to \$4.71 per cwt. for choice grades and \$4.25 for lighter stock.

Butchers' Cattle—Prices steady at \$3.70 to \$4.15 per cwt. for choice cattle, \$3.50 to \$3.80 for good and \$2.50 upward for common to medium.

Export Bulls—Steady at \$3.25 to \$4 per cwt.

Farmers—Selling at \$4 to \$4.20 for long-keep steers of 1,100 to 1,200 pounds and \$3.70 to \$3.90 for lighter feeders.

Stockers—Weaker at \$3.20 to \$3.70, according to quality.

Sheep and Lambs—Butchers' sheep, \$3 to \$5 each; export ewes, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per 100 pounds.

Hog—Advanced 12 1-2c per cwt. all round to \$6.25 per cwt. for selections of 160 to 200 pounds natural weight, \$5.75 per cwt. for fats and \$5.50 per cwt. for lights.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, April 28.
At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 50 carloads cattle, 50 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 hogs.

Export cattle sold slow and weak. Butchers' cattle dull. Hogs steady.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 28

Oats are nominal at 1-4c decline in oats in store and 1-2c decline afloat. Barley is easier at 1c decline. Flour quiet and unchanged. Feed steady.

Receipts of eggs are increasing. Dairy butter is easier at 1c decline from top. Creamery is also 1c lower. Fodder cheese is 1-4c higher. Potatoes are dull and 1/2c decline. Dressed hogs are unchanged. Cured meats are higher.

Oats—26 1-2 to 28 1-2c in store; 32 1-2 to 33 1-2c afloat, May.

Barley—No. 1, afloat, May, 50 to 51c.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4.00.

Milfeed—Bran, \$18 per ton; shorts \$19, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats \$3.30 to \$3.35 per barrel on track and \$1.60 to \$1.62 1-2 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c. No. 1 buffs, 9 1-2 to 10c. calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins, 10 to 15c; tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 10 1-2 to 11 1-2c.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 17 to 17 1-2c per lb.

Cheese—Finest old, 123-4c fodder cheese, 11 to 11 1-4c per lb.

Maple Syrup—New syrup, 65 to 70c

per imperial gallon; 61-2 to 7c per pound pure sugar, 51-2 to 9c per pound.

Honey—White clover in comb 14 to 15c per lb.; white extracted in large tubs 9 to 9 1-2c.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.85 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—52 1-2 to 35c per bag on track.

Dressed Hogs—\$7.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs.

Cured Meats—Heavy Canadian short cut mess pork, \$18.00 to \$18.50; pure Canadian and, 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c per pound compound refined, 7 to 8c; hams, 12 to 14c; bacon, 11 1-2 to 13c per pound.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 24.

Receipts of live stock at the East-End Abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle and 75 sheep and lambs.

There was a decided improvement in the demand, in consequence the bulk of the stock on the market was wanted, and the tone ruled steady. Choice steers sold at 43-4c to 5c; good at 41-4 to 41-2c; fair at 31-2 to 4c; bulls at 3 to 4c; and common stock at 2 1-2 to 3c per lb. live weight.

The market for sheep was strong on account of continued small offerings. The demand was fair, and sales were made at 4 to 5 1-4c, and for really choice stock buyers would have paid high as 6c per lb. Spring lambs met with a good demand at prices ranging from \$3 to \$5 each. Calves sold at from \$1.25 to \$1.50 each, as to size.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles receipts of live hogs were only fair, for which the demand was good, and the feeling was firm, with no change in prices to note. Sales of straight lots weighed off cars were made at 53-4c to 6c per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, April 27.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 300 cattle.

Best cattle sold at 41-2 to 43-4c, fair to good at 31-2 to 4c, and lower grades at 21-2 to 3c. Receipts of sheep and lambs are increasing. Sheep 31-2 to 41-2c per pound. Yearling lambs, 5 to 6c. Hogs sold a shade easier.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 27.

The cattle market is slow at 11 to 11 1-2c per pound, estimated dressed weight. Sheep, 14c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, April 27.

Beet, firmer; April, 10s 5 1-4d; May, 10s 5 1-4d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 27.

Cheese is now quoted at 59s 6d for white, and 63s for colored.

LIVE STOCK TRADE NOTES.

Several large shipments of stocker cattle left Carberry for the south and west within the past two weeks. One lot were sold for an average of \$4 per head over the usual prices.

A cable from London announces that the order regarding the slaughter of Argentine cattle, also says that cattle from North America must be slaughtered within five days when landed at Deptford.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

GROCERIES

Prices to retail dealers for ordinary lot, with usual discounts for cash or large lots.

Table listing various grocery items such as Apples, Peas, Corn, and Pumpkins with their respective prices per case or per unit.

Table listing sardines and other fish products, including domestic and imported varieties.

Table listing various types of canned meats like Corn Beef, Lunch Meat, and Brawn.

Table listing different types of chicken and turkey products.

Table listing coffee products, including Green Rio and Inferior grades.

Table listing various cereal products like Split Peas, Pot Barley, and Standard Oatmeal.

Table listing different types of rice, including B., Patna, and Japan rice.

Table listing various cigarette brands and their prices.

Table listing cured fish products such as Boneless Hake, Codfish, and Herring.

Table listing various types of dried fruits including Currants, Dates, and Raisins.

Table listing dried fruits like Raisins, Loose Muscatels, and London Layers.

Table listing California evaporated fruits such as Peaches, Apricots, and Pitted Plums.

Table listing various types of matches and telegraph/telephone services.

Table listing different types of nuts including Brazil, Taragona, and Peanut.

Table listing various types of syrups like Extra Bright, Medium, and Maple.

Table listing different types of sugars such as Extra Standard Gran., German Granulated, and Powdered.

Table listing various types of molasses and syrups.

Table listing different types of salts like Rock Salt and Common.

Table listing various types of dairy products including Dairy, white duck sack, and Common.

Table listing different types of spices like Allspice, Cassia, Cloves, and Pepper.

Table listing various types of teas including China Blacks, Indian and Ceylon, and Young Hysons.

Table listing different types of tobacco products like T. & B., Lily, and Crescent.

Table listing various types of cured meats such as Lard, Ham, and Bacon.

Table listing different types of cured meats including Smoked Meats and Dry Salt Meats.

Table listing various types of barrel pork and meat sundries.

Table listing different types of meat sundries like Fresh pork sausage, Bologna, and Pickled pigs feet.

Table listing various types of tobacco products including T. & B., Lily, and Crescent.

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Table listing various types of tobacco products including Tuckett's Cherub Cigarette and Brier.

Table listing different types of tobacco products like P. & W. Cheewing, Cads., and Tonka.

Table listing various types of tobacco products including Dominion Tobacco Co.'s List and Bright Cheewing Plug.

Table listing different types of tobacco products like Pommery, Smitax, and Holly.

Table listing various types of tobacco products including Black Cheewing Plug and Bright Smoking Plug.

Table listing different types of tobacco products like Empire Tobacco Co.'s List and Smoking.

Table listing various types of tobacco products including Currency, Free Trade, and Snowshoe.

Table listing different types of wooden ware products like Pails, Tubs, and Washboards.

Table listing various types of cured meats and other products like Cured Meats, Etc.

Table listing different types of cured meats including Lard, Ham, and Bacon.

Table listing various types of cured meats like Smoked Meats and Dry Salt Meats.

Table listing different types of cured meats including Barrel Pork and Meat Sundries.

Table listing various types of cured meats like Fresh pork sausage, Bologna, and Pickled pigs feet.

Table listing different types of cured meats including Sausage casings and other products.

DRUGS

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

Table listing various types of drugs including Alum, Alcohol, Bleaching Powder, Borax, and many others.

LEATHER

Table listing various types of leather products like Harness, Union Oak, and Russian collar leather.

FUEL

Table listing various types of fuel products including Coal, Pennsylvania anthracite, and Canadian anthracite.