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The Wholesale Grocers' Association has met in Victoria and decided to again change the date of payments of accounts, hereafter all accounts paid on the 10th of the following month in which the goods were purchased will be subject to 2 per cent. discount. The net price of the goods will be demanded 30 days after the goods have been purchased. Interest will be charged after this date.

The retail grocers, who have been interviewed on this subject, state that they are of the opinion that the old system was much better, that is that bills on which 2 per cent. is allowed may be paid as late as the 15th of the following month. When this system was in vogue the grocer who takes in, say, \$1,000 or \$1,500 on the first or better half of the month, would pay his grocery account to secure the 2 per cent. discount, but when he is obliged to pay on the 10th or on the 15th, which is the present date of payment to secure the 2 per cent. discount, he found it much more difficult, and if this date goes by without his being able to pay, he will accordingly place his money in the bank rather than hand it over to the wholesaler before the date of final payment actually arrives, for this reason the grocers interviewed say that they can see no advantage to wholesalers or retailers in the wholesale houses changing the date of payment. They are again, however, about to urge wholesalers to cut down the credit of the men of straw, who are doing the retail trade so much harm. It is asserted as an actual fact that grocers, who are being carried on by wholesale houses are selling flour, canned vegetables and canned apples at less than they cost when the price of delivery and expenses are added, this it is feared, by many of the retail grocers, is only a commencement and if these grocers are not stopped the trade may be demoralized. A special meeting of the retail grocers which might almost be called an emergency meeting is called to consider this very question, and it is said that the Retail Grocers' Association will strongly urge upon the wholesalers to conserve the interest of the trade and benefit themselves by insisting upon the cutting by irresponsible merchants being stopped. A practical feature of the situation is that these men who sell goods at cost are able to raise money quickly to secure the discount by paying their grocery bills at an early date. The one thing is certain that all retailers should be placed on the same footing and retailers say that if the wholesalers do not help them in this direction that the barrier will have to be broken down and instead of schedule prices being adopted for all lines of staple goods that every grocer be allowed to charge what he likes, this, of course would be serious to the grocery trade, but it would certainly enable the trade to stop the cutting and underselling of irresponsible firms and immediate gain at the expense of the responsible firms who pay their way as they go.



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"Where is Jostler?" asked Mrs. Cottomel, uneasily.  
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WINNIPEG, APRIL 27, 1901.

## BRANDING DAIRY PRODUCTS.

The act of the Manitoba legislature regarding the branding and sale of dairy products is a piece of law-making the wisdom of which is very much in doubt. The full text of the act was given in the issue of this paper for last Saturday and those of our readers who took the trouble to read it will have been struck with the palpable difficulties in the way of enforcing such an act. In so far as it relates to the branding by factories of factory made butter and cheese no exception can of course be taken to the act as that is a fair and workable provision, but when it comes to compelling every maker of dairy butter and dairy cheese throughout Manitoba to stencil every package of such goods turned out by him and to compelling every dealer who handles such goods to also stencil such packages it will be found by the government that it is up against a pretty hard proposition. Interviews with leading commission men here within the past few days have revealed the fact that some were not even aware that such an act had been passed and its terms are a complete surprise to them. Most of those in the trade do not believe that the clauses relating to dairy butter and cheese can be enforced and if they are it is freely predicted that there will be such a vigorous kick from both producers and shippers that the government will be obliged to drop any prosecutions which it may have undertaken.

The government is perfectly right in trying to improve the business of making and handling factory products and some system of identification such as it has incorporated in this act is perhaps necessary for the protection of consumers in case of fraud, but the new act gives an entirely undesired dignity and importance to dairy butter and cheese. These might very much better have been left to make and retain their own place in the country's markets. Any system of inspection or identification which may be adopted will only serve to increase the troubles of the dairy department and harass small producers, and will do nothing towards improving the quality of the goods or increasing their sale. The same amount of energy expended in teaching the farmers the value of creameries and factories and the advantages of sending their cream to these would produce much more lasting results.

## Winnipeg House Rents,

The scarcity of the class of houses most in demand in Winnipeg, combined with the prospect that the conditions now obtaining are in no immediate prospect of alleviation, has resulted in an increase of rents, amounting to 15 to 20 per cent. This increase is not general, but is almost entirely confined to those houses which have become vacant and are being let at higher rentals. Real estate agents explain that the advance is not made because property owners feel that they have the upper hand, but rather because rents have been too low of late years to allow for a margin of profit, and also for the reason that property throughout the city has increased in value and it is, therefore, necessary that rentals should show a corresponding increase. It is impossible to fill the demand for houses with modern conveniences, but, on the other hand, those without these conveniences are little sought for and are, for the most part, taken from pure necessity. Notwithstanding the present favorable conditions there appears to be very little movement in the way of erecting dining houses this spring.

In business properties also the rents are being raised as leases expire, but the advance in these cases rarely exceeds 10 per cent. A number of large office blocks are being erected and if the season proves a favorable one for the crops it is expected that a large amount of building will be done before the winter sets in.

# FINANCIAL

## WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

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

Week ending April 25, 1901 . . . \$1,081,860  
Corresponding week, 1900 . . . 1,060,770  
Corresponding week, 1899 . . . 1,501,527

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1901.	1900.	1899.
Jan. . . . .	\$9,623,400	\$9,906,607	\$7,683,052
Feb. . . . .	7,133,276	6,702,849	6,209,471
Mar. . . . .	7,330,932	6,750,121	6,150,121
Apr. . . . .	7,091,519	6,916,431	6,916,431
May . . . . .	9,782,679	7,472,335	7,472,335
June . . . . .	9,612,064	8,211,716	8,211,716
July . . . . .	9,395,423	8,198,036	8,198,036
Aug. . . . .	8,173,038	7,996,291	7,996,291
Sept. . . . .	7,320,147	6,281,159	6,281,159
Oct. . . . .	9,183,477	12,580,000	12,580,000
Nov. . . . .	11,018,985	14,435,219	14,435,219
Dec. . . . .	10,860,323	12,066,065	12,066,065
Totals . . . . .	\$100,956,792	\$107,789,814	\$107,789,814

## THE MONEY MARKET.

Notwithstanding the buoyancy which has prevailed of late in the world's great money markets and the apparent superabundance of funds for large speculative operations of all kinds, the money markets of Canada have been pursuing a very uneventful course and there is nothing new to note as regards either the supply or

has been used almost exclusively. Money rates are lower in New York and it is attracting the attention of the Japanese. The secretary said that a Japanese government bond can be bought on a 5 per cent. basis and that the credit of Japan is steadily rising.

## FINANCIAL NOTES.

The British chancellor of the exchequer has informed parliament that he will need \$10,000,000 to pay the bills of the government for the forthcoming year. There is talk of a \$20 dividend on Standard Oil for the June quarter and recapitalization, the total capital to be \$400,000,000, with four or five shares for every one at present outstanding. In 1898 the total dividends amounted to 30, in 1899 to 33 and in 1900 to 48 per cent.

## Railway and Traffic Matters.

A bill was introduced by the government in the B. C. legislature on Tuesday night which authorizes a loan of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of aiding the construction of the following railways: From Point Roberts via Chilliwack and Hope to Midway, from the end of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway to the north of Vancouver Island, Rock Creek to Vernon, connecting with the Okanagan and Shuswap; from the coast at Kitimat to Hazelton; from Fort Steele to Golden.



Manitoba Farm Homes—Buildings of D. Hysel, Killarney

## Winnipeg Bicycle Paths Act.

This act of the Manitoba legislature empowers the city of Winnipeg to levy an annual tax of 50c on each bicycle ridden in the city, the wheels of which exceed eighteen inches in diameter. Each person on payment of the fee shall be furnished with a form of tag or license which shall be attached to the head of the frame of the bicycle. All moneys paid in shall be devoted to the maintenance and repair of the existing bicycle paths in the city and surrounding municipalities and to the construction of new bicycle paths and to the enforcement of such rules as may be adopted. A board, consisting of three members of the council and six resident bicyclists, shall have charge of the cycle paths. The bicycles of all visiting wheelmen will be exempt from this tax. A fine, not to exceed \$50 and costs of court, may be imposed upon any person not complying with this act, and upon anyone driving a vehicle or an animal on a bicycle path or placing any public street or cycle path in the province, any glass or other substance likely to cause injury to bicyclists.

## Insurance Notes.

The Canada Life Assurance Company has purchased the Livingstone block on the corner of Main street and Portage avenue, in which its offices are located.

H. J. Von Eberts, who has been connected with the Winnipeg branch of the Massey-Harris Company, Limited, for many years, has been appointed manager for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, of the National Life Assurance company, of Canada.

George—I wonder why Ethel calls me a chrysalis then?  
Binks—She may have discovered the fact that you haven't a cent.—Harlem Life.

rate. Of the Winnipeg market this is also true. Lenders here are very conservative and will not encourage unwaranted borrowing. Both bank and loan company rates are holding stiff and there is no disposition to favor anything but strictly necessary demands. The current rate of interest at banks is 6 to 7 per cent for mercantile loans. The mortgage rate is 5 1/2 to 7 for city property and 7 to 8 for farm loans. A good many of these have been put through of late.

## JAPANESE FINANCIAL METHODS

The secretary of the stock exchange at Tokio, Japan, visited the New York stock exchange recently in order to study methods of trading in stocks and clearing of them. At Tokio the stock exchange is an incorporated body consisting of 100 members. This association guarantees the trades of its brokers thereby establishing the highest credit for their operations. The Tokio exchange has a monthly settlement, which it claims represents the highest credit system. The idea of a daily settlement through the clearing house was considered by the secretary as representing the low credit basis upon which business is done. At present the Tokio exchange deals principally in mining stock and miscellaneous securities, such as tramways, steamships and government bonds. It has no foreign securities listed, but contemplates the introduction before long of some foreign stocks and bonds of undoubted merit in which the Japanese might be interested. Some interest was shown by the secretary in the matter of introducing the new steel shares on the Tokio exchange. It is an industry which the Japanese are studying carefully now. The Japanese government is making intensive improvements which call for the rising of fresh capital and the government may float a loan in New York. Heretofore the London market

Also to borrow half a million dollars to bridge the Fraser river near New Westminster. It is also stated that the loan does not mean government construction and ownership of proposed lines. The principal members of the government are opposed to government ownership. To get a subsidy of \$4,000 per mile the railway must be commenced on or before July 1, 1902, and the work done to the satisfaction of the government. Four per cent of the gross earnings are to be paid to the government and to be a first charge upon the same. Freight and passenger rates are subject to government control. The province may acquire the lines at any time, upon a valuation to be estimated by arbitrators.

## Australian Trade.

Official statistics show that the value of the exports from the seven colonies of Australia, after rising from \$78,453,000 in 1898 to \$88,545,000 in 1899, fell to \$85,394,000 last year. The decrease was caused by the fall in the value of the wool exports which declined in value by \$6,465,000, and gold increased by \$1,735,000, and all the other exports by \$11,218,000, showing a net decrease of \$3,452,000. The value of imports in 1898 was \$68,537,000, in 1899 \$72,178,000 and 1900 \$75,631,000, showing an increase last year over 1898 of \$11,044,000. Apart from the decline in value of wool, the Argus, according to the telegram of the Melbourne correspondent of the Times, considers that last year showed a steady and sound development of Australasian trade based upon larger returns from the great natural industries.

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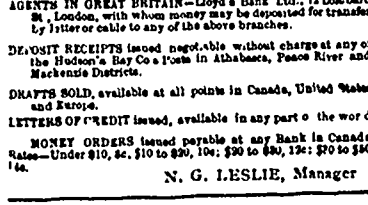
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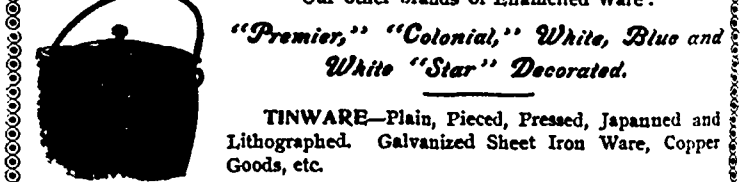
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The large number of applications for space for the exhibit of individual art products decided Mr. Algar M. Wheeler, the superintendent of manufactures, to make it a distinct division, which is a departure from the methods of former Expositions, where these products have been merged with the manufactures and fine arts departments, thus rendering their effectiveness almost void. In according them deserved distinction in a division by themselves, Superintendent Wheeler has won the hearty applause of a class of workers who are taking a lively interest in the coming exposition, evidence of which is received in numerous communications on the subject, many of them asking for information regarding space for prospective exhibits.

The art industrial products exhibit will be housed in the Manufactures and Liberal Arts building, which is an elaborate structure 500 feet long by 350 feet in width. The building as originally designed, contained an open court or patio in the center, in conformity with an old Spanish Mission House design. The demand for space became so great that the management decided to roof this patio with glass and install therein exhibits.

The glass-roofed section will be treated as a sub-tropical garden, thereby giving large and wealthy dealers in expensive art decorative articles an opportunity to make elaborate displays amid surroundings which are worthy and appropriate, having an adornment of foliage, interspersed with ornamental pavilions, climbing vines and many odd forms of vegetation. The original design of an open patio with historical water court and fountain could hardly be more artistic, and certainly could not be as interesting or entertaining. The change instead of detracting from the popularity of the building will enhance the artistic effect, besides gaining a great deal of much-needed space for this valuable collection. The advantage to be gained by this arrangement will be a setting of unusual beauty in a court that will be light and airy, with the additional charm which always accompanies odd varieties of growing plants.

The arrangements for the exhibit of art industrial products comprehend ample room, adequate facility and abundant light.

The Manufactures and Liberal Arts building is practically completed. The staff has been put on the exterior and its intricate designs are being beautified by the application of rainbow colors and placing of statuary. It has been wired and lamped for electric illumination. The architecture of this building is a free treatment of the Spanish Renaissance style, and in this respect it corresponds with the other large buildings on the grounds.

**Beautiful Effects.**

After the Pan-American Exposition has come and gone, every city and town of any size that has a public park and lake system will want an electric fountain. But not every place will have a park lake where such a display can be made and seen at its best, for to be a thorough success an electric fountain requires a setting, a frame, just as a beautiful picture does to be shown at its best. The electric fountain of the Pan-American Exposition is located in the North Bay. This is a delightful body of water, the shores of which have a natural forest growth, and slope in gentle, graceful lines down to the water. Right in the center of this beautiful bay a rocky island is built, and this island is the home of the electric fountain. The sloping banks, with their woodland scene, will form an ideal background for the gorgeous fountain effects, no matter from what point they are viewed. It will make a spectacle of the grandest kind, and as the water is sent from the fountain orifices, catching up the various colored lights

as it is thrown in various forms, there will be a fascination about the beauty that will call for the warmest admiration. With the geysers at play, forming huge fountains, wheat sheaves and other water figures, the effect will be of a dazzling beauty, while the Ring Curtains, the Ring Jets, Pulverizers and Mist Banks will add to the mystery of how such a gorgeous effect is attained. High in the air, fully 250 feet, the Grand Geyser will send its stream, and as the eye follows it and then settles back upon the water effects nearer to the surface of the fountain it will rest upon a scene of unusual splendor.

in-council may impose upon the Coal company and the Railway company such restrictions and conditions respecting sales or supplies of coal or coke and the transportation thereof or for the use of consumers outside of Canada for such a length of time and within such times as he may think fit with a view to preventing such unfair discriminations.

(3) The order-in-council imposing such restrictions and conditions shall be published in the Canada Gazette and if after such publication the Coal company sells or supplies coal or coke or the railway company transports coal or coke contrary to the terms of



**Crow's Nest Railway.**

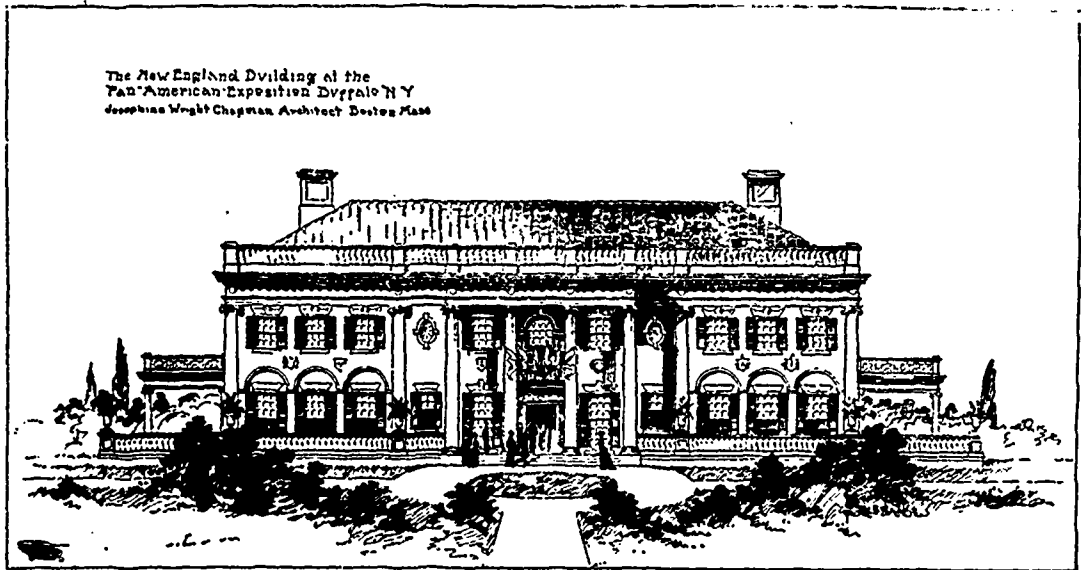
Following is the agreement with the Dominion government regarding the proposed new road into the Crow's Nest from the United States:

Agreement between the Crow's Nest Coal company, the Crow's Nest Southern railway and His Majesty the King herein represented by the government of the Dominion. The preamble recites the application to parliament for a charter and continues. The Coal company and the railway company for divers good and valuable considerations do hereby covenant with the government as follows:

(1.) That, neither by the action of the Coal company in regard to the prices at which coal or coke shall be

such order the company so violating the terms of such order shall pay, and hereby covenants to repay to the government as liquidated damages for such breach the sum of \$3 for each and every ton of coal or coke so sold or supplied or transported. The amount of such damages to be recovered by action by the attorney-general of Canada on behalf of the government in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(4) The reason for requiring the said companies to enter into this agreement being that at present it is believed by the government that there is no effective and satisfactory competition by other coal and coke producers in Canada. It is agreed that



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sold, nor by the action of the railway company respecting the cost of transportation, whether by discrimination rebates or otherwise, nor by the action of both such companies either acting by themselves alone or in connection with transportation agencies without the international boundary lines, shall coal or coke either or both be sold for consumption outside of Canada or to consumers outside of Canada at prices which discriminate unfairly against consumers in Canada.

(2.) If at any time upon satisfactory evidence being given to the governor-general-in-council he should be of opinion that the spirit of this agreement is being violated and every such case, and when and so often as such violation occurs the governor-general-

when by order of the governor-general-in-council it is declared that by the opening of other coal mines or the manufacture of coke by others such effective and satisfactory competition has arisen that this agreement shall terminate with respect to coal or coke both according to the nature of such competition.

Mr. Sifton accepted the suggestion that the last clause should be amended providing that instead of the agreement terminating it should only be suspended during the continuance of effective and satisfactory competition.

"No, Maude, dear, the financial news is not all written in money syllables." —Philadelphia Record.

**Winnipeg City Council.**

The Winnipeg city council met on Monday evening. A letter was read from the city of Toronto asking Winnipeg to join with it in opposing the request of the Bell Telephone Co., before the Dominion House for an increase in its capitalization. It was decided to accept the invitation of Toronto. The light commissioner reported on the cost of operating the city's electric light plant for the year ending February 17, showing the total to have been \$13,922.50, or an average cost per light each night of 19¢. The finance committee submitted a large number of accounts for payment, and recommended. That the following tenders be accepted: For lithographing, the Stovel Co.; for bookbinding, the Richardson Stationery and Manufacturing Co.; for stationery, C. H. Black; for advertising, the Manitoba Free Press Co., at \$10.00 for all advertising except tax notices and tax sales; and the Tribune Publishing Co., at 1 7/8-100 cents per line for local improvements, and such other advertising as may be required.

The works committee reported recommending a large number of public improvements, including asphalt pavements, sewers, sidewalks, boulevards, etc., which were all agreed to. It was also recommended that the following tenders be accepted at the prices stated in tenders. For cement, the Michigan Portland Cement Co.; for lumber, D. E. Sprague, for asphalt, G. G. Warren.

The fire, water and light committee recommended, among other things, that the city's solicitors be instructed to appeal the case of Lemon vs. Winnipeg, which is the suit under which the city was recently assessed damages for cutting trees in front of Lemon's property. This clause was laid over by the council.

P. A. Macdonald was present and made the council an offer of the free use of his voting machine for use in recording the votes on certain by-laws which are shortly to be submitted. Offer accepted. A deputation was present from the trades and labor council for the purpose of urging the city to pay its laborers 20 cents per hour. The usual kick regarding troubles at the new city waterworks was recorded. The city solicitors are instructed to prepare a by-law providing for the taxation of bicycles.

It is estimated that fully \$2,000,000 was spent in New York by Easter shoppers from outside points.

Winnipeg has about \$1,000,000 debentures in hand, which it has been decided to offer by tender, to be in by June 29.

The total number of failures in Canada last week, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., was 24, compared with 36 the same week last year.

An eastern trade paper which is supposed to be well informed on Canadian geography says that J. D. McArthur, of Winnipeg, has decided to erect a large sawmill at Lac du Bonnet, Quebec. We have a few places with French names in Manitoba and Lac du Bonnet is one of them.

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**Manitoba Railway Bills.**

Ottawa, April 25.—At half past ten the railway committee room of the House of Commons was crowded with a hundred members a dozen lawyers, as many newspaper men, and a score of on-lookers. Cabinet ministers were as thick as at a council meeting, the minister of railways, the finance minister, the minister of the interior, and others being present. Mr James Sutherland presided. The Winnipeg delegates, Mayor Arbutnot and D. W. Bole, were on hand with their counsel, Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., and Greer. Dan Mann was there, beside Z. A. Lash, K. C., counsel for the Canadian Northern. Other counsel were: Emilius Irving, K. C., representing the Ontario government; Walter Barwick, K. C., representing the Manitoba government.

The Manitoba railway bills, Nos. 102 and 103, were the cause of this array and interest. Both bills and the whole deal were taken up together and considered.

Mr. Lash, K. C., addressed the committee, explaining the position of the railway companies concerned in these transactions and gave a technical account of the nature of the lease and contract. The legislature had confirmed these contracts and they did not expect this parliament to interfere. Taking up the question of freights and tolls and the control of these by the government of Manitoba Mr. Lash dwelt at length on this aspect of the case. The way he put it was that the company had a right to fix tolls within the limits fixed by the governor-general-in-council. In pursuance of its powers the company had thought fit to give up its own control, and hand it over to the Manitoba government. It was precisely the same kind of contract as any railway company might make with any large shipper of freight. It left the railway company just where it was subject to the laws of the country.

To save all dispute on the subject of jurisdiction the Canadian Northern railway were willing to have a clause inserted in the bill:

"That nothing in this act, or any of the schedules, or anything done in pursuance of them, shall divest or limit temporarily or otherwise rights of powers under existing or under future legislation of the Parliament of Canada, the governor-general-in-council, the railway committee, or any railway commission or other authority, respecting any matter, thing, obligation or duty."

This was Lash's first proposal. His second was:

"We will agree also to another clause to be this: That nothing done shall authorize the Canadian Northern Railway to charge, or demand higher rates for the carriage of freight or passengers than heretofore or hereafter fixed by the Parliament of Canada, by the governor-general-in-council, the railway committee, or the Privy Council, or a commission or other authority."

Mr Lash's third announcement was as follows:

"In order that we shall not have any question raised that any liability whatever is assumed by the Government of Canada in consequence of these agreements we are willing to add this clause, to save all possible doubt: Nothing in the act or agreement shall place the Government of Canada either directly or indirectly under any obligation liability, or duty whatever with respect to any payment matter or thing in the said indentures provided for or referred to."

After explaining the operation of the then proposal regarding which Mr. Lash said, in reply to Mr. Haggart, that indenture will have to be changed by the mortgage, or, he added: "Or by a supplementary agreement." Mr. Lash declared the government will not sign the bonds unless all conditions imposed by the legislature are complied with. He added: "We do not ask you to interfere, we ask permission to make a contract we believe to be to the advantage of both parties, and without your authority we cannot make it, but whether the contract be wise or unwise for either party to make we do not ask any declaration of interference on the part of this parliament."

Mr. Gallher read section two, empowering the company to agree to such terms as imposed by lieutenant-governor-in-council, "although they

may be at variance with the provisions of the contract," and asked what it meant?

In reply Mr. Lash made the significant admission that this clause, upon which Mr. Roblin and his colleagues placed so much stress before the public as a safeguard to all possible dangers was no good. Mr. Lash said: "I quite agree that this clause is open to objection as it asks for unlimited powers. It is not necessary to have that clause at all, and we are willing to strike it out."

In reply to Mr. Puttee, member for Winnipeg, as to the date of acquiring the Northern Pacific railway lines in Manitoba April 1, Mr. Lash said all parties had agreed to postpone the delivery of those lines until a date subsequent to the prorogation of parliament here. Mr. Lash added that with a view of making it clear he had, had the bills recast and reprinted incorporating them together in one bill. These new bills were then distributed to the committee.

Mr. Walter Barwick, on behalf of the government of Manitoba, addressed the committee briefly, his chief point being with reference to the control of tolls by the lieutenant-governor-in-council. It was not thought by Manitoba that in this there was any trenching on the powers of the Dominion.

Mr. Wallace Nesbit, on behalf of Manitoba opponents to the bills, addressed a long, able and keen argument to the committee on the constitutional aspect of the case, reserving to a later period his remarks on the merits of the contracts. Owing to interruptions and questions designed to make his position clear, Mr. Nesbit repeated some things several times. He was good natured and accommodating, and made a good impression. It is not necessary though to make a long report of his remarks in order to make his position clear.

He began by rudely disturbing the committee with the declaration that parliament was being asked to do something which would make it responsible for the bargain to the public of Canada and not the legislature of Manitoba. (Cries of no, no, and a general air of disgust on the faces of the members at the idea that they would be responsible for such a bargain.)

Mr. Nesbit—"Yes, I will show you how since federation, no provincial authority has validated legislation here which was beyond the powers of a province. This is a new and different case. I shall ask on behalf of the citizens of Manitoba, irrespective of politics, for you to say before action on this provincial law that it is meritorious and meets with your approval."

A member—"Is this legislation initiatory or supplementary?"

Mr. Nesbit—"It is initiated here. It seeks to confer the necessary power. They can do nothing without your legislation. In the opinion of a number of eminent counsel you are being asked to make a new departure, and introduce a principle of legislation, which, if adopted, might lead you very far afield. That principle is that the legislature of Manitoba has no more right to own or operate a railway, which is not a local work, than I have, because it is a railway within the sole jurisdiction of the Dominion. You are being asked to give validity to a province assuming a jurisdiction belonging to the Dominion. You are asked to transfer the function of the Dominion government to a local government."

Mr. Blair—"You hold that without our legislation these contracts would be absolutely nugatory?"

Mr. Nesbit—"Yes."

Mr. Blair—"That is because they are dealing with a railway under the jurisdiction of parliament?"

Mr. Nesbit—"Yes, you can confirm the agreement between the two railway companies which are under your control, but you are being asked here by this lease to authorize the government of Manitoba to acquire a Dominion railway. You cannot do that because the government of Manitoba cannot do what a private corporation can do for the reason that it is limited in its powers by the provisions of the constitution. Manitoba is excluded by the B. N. A. Act from legislating respecting a railway running into another province, or extending beyond the limits of the province. This disables Manitoba in this case for making the lease constitutional and probably the Dominion parliament from passing an act enabling Manitoba to do what the constitution says it cannot do."

This in brief was Nesbitt's whole argument expounded by him with

clearness and force, and amplified for the benefit of questioning members of the committee. Manitoba could not acquire a title to the Northern Pacific lines and this parliament could not give it a title, therefore, the lease must fall to the ground. Parliament could not divest itself of its functions and hand them over to a province. They were not being asked to delegate a power possessed by parliament, but to abdicate a power within their jurisdiction for a period of 30 years, in favor of a foreign and sovereign authority or state, because Manitoba was as much a foreign and sovereign power under our constitution as a state in the American union. There was, he said, a floating motion that we could extend the limits of the jurisdiction of a local legislature, but the best authorities say not.

Mr. Haggart said that was the crucial point, and asked Mr. Nesbitt to dwell on it.

Mr. Nesbitt said: "Here you have the Manitoba legislature solemnly passing an act taking to itself power to do that which plainly and by common consent they have no power to do, and this parliament is asked to legislate that the other party to the contract shall be allowed to do this. Is that not legislation by acquiescence which the law forbids? That is the kind of legislation which is so likely in the eyes of the courts to make the parliament of Canada ridiculous. You are asked to empower another sovereign power to take the jurisdiction which rests with yourselves."

Mr. Fielding—"Can't Manitoba purchase a Dominion railway in another province in pursuance of its powers?"

Mr. Nesbitt—"Clearly, if they cannot lease they cannot deal with it at all. The government of Manitoba is not a private corporation. They are entirely limited by the B. N. A. Act. This parliament is being asked to enable the Province of Manitoba to enter into a void contract. You should not pass a bill allowing a party to purchase which cannot purchase, and which would, therefore, be a mere futile piece of legislation."

Mr. Oliver—"Your argument is, we cannot empower a railway company to sell to the Province of Manitoba?"

Mr. Nesbitt—"My own opinion is you cannot."

Mr. Oliver combatted Mr. Nesbitt's views at various points, and created roars of laughter by saying that the essential feature of the agreement was the payment of the money, and as Manitoba had power to pay the money it had legislative power to fulfill these contracts. Mr. Oliver is evidently in favor of the bills, as well as Messrs. Scott and Boyd and Davis are also understood to be.

Dr. Russell, of Halifax, crossed swords once or twice with Mr. Nesbitt on other constitutional points, but Mr. Nesbitt declined to discuss anything but the Manitoba case.

Messrs. Boyd, Pringle, Fraser, Fortin, Bureau, Scott and others all argued with Mr. Nesbitt and put posers which he answered, and it appeared as he said, "that he had soaked himself in the subject."

Mr. Fortin's point, and afterwards Mr. Fielding's or Mr. Blair's was that Manitoba might not require local legislative jurisdiction to purchase the Northern Pacific and Manitoba lines, but the government could take the place of the existing corporation and submit itself to the legislature jurisdiction of the parliament of Canada.

Mr. Nesbitt's answer was that Manitoba could not do anything without legislation from its own legislature.

Mr. Boyd—"Your contention is that while we could give power to a private corporation to purchase these lines, we cannot give power to the government of Manitoba, which owns the whole thing."

Mr. Nesbitt—"Yes, that is my contention."

Mr. Boyd—"A pretty fine point."

Mr. Nesbitt—"No, it is not at all a fine point, but one fixed by the act of confederation. You are not at liberty to take a sod from the Dominion field and plant it in the provincial field. If you do in this case you open the door to every other case."

The following sentence summarizes one of Mr. Nesbitt's contentions:—"Once a Dominion railway gets into the sovereign power of Manitoba, you divest yourselves of the control, and that you cannot do because of the constitution of the country."

Mr. Pringle asked about the question of the control of rates, and the effect of the new clause proposed by Mr. Lash.

Mr. Nesbitt said that did not affect

his present argument or point. Mr. Nesbitt thought it cleared much of the objection he was going to urge as to the control of rates, "but," added Mr. Nesbitt, "taking what I read you of Premier Roblin's statement in the legislature with this change these contracts had better go back to the legislature of Manitoba, because I do not think they would have adopted them with this saving clause."

"I ask," said Mr. Nesbitt, "rather that this matter shall stand until it can be threshed out in Manitoba or referred to the courts, or leave it for a year to the people of Manitoba." This new clause is directly contrary to what Mr. Roblin said he was seeking to accomplish, absolute control of rates.

Mr. Pringle—"Then this clause does conserve to the Dominion its control of rates?"

Mr. Nesbitt—"Yes."

A member—"Then, what does Manitoba get?"

There was no answer to this question, and it is up to Roblin to answer it inasmuch as he told the board of trade that if the province did not get control then the contract was bad and should not be endorsed.

Coming back to the contention that the lease of the Northern Pacific lines to the government of Manitoba was illegal and unconstitutional, Mr. Fielding asked "Cannot they lease a Dominion road and operate it without exercising legislative powers? Could the legislative powers not still remain in the Dominion government?"

Mr. Nesbitt—"No, because they cannot do it except by legislation which they have no power to pass. That is the basis of my argument."

Here it became evident that Nesbitt had not carried the committee past the one point as to the power of the province to lease the Northern Pacific lines and as it was one o'clock, Mr. Blair suggested an adjournment till eleven o'clock to-morrow and the committee adjourned at one o'clock.

Messrs. Oliver, Scott, Boyd and Davis are in favor of the bill.

**The Fishing Industry of Canada**

The importance of the Canadian fisheries in the industrial life of the Dominion, may be seen from the fact that about one hundred thousand men and a capital of about ten million dollars are engaged in their development. The fishing areas are very extensive. The eastern sea coast of the Maritime Provinces from the Bay of Fundy to the Straits of Belle Isle, covers a distance of 5,600 miles; the Pacific sea coast of British Columbia, 7,180 miles, and the salt water in-shore area, not including minor indentations, more than 1,500 square miles. The fresh water area of that part of the great lakes belonging to Canada is computed at 72,700 square miles; not including the numerous lakes of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, all stocked with excellent food fish.

According to the returns published in the annual report of the department of marine and fisheries, the total value of the catch of fish in Canada in the year 1899 was \$21,891,700, distributed as follows:

Province.	Value.
Nova Scotia . . . . .	\$ 7,347,604
British Columbia . . . . .	5,214,074
New Brunswick . . . . .	4,119,891
Quebec . . . . .	1,500,447
Prince Edward Island . . . . .	1,043,645
Manitoba and the Northwest Territories . . . . .	622,911

Total . . . . . \$21,891,700

The value of the fish exported from Canada to foreign countries in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900, was \$11,169,083, distributed as follows:

Provinces.	Value.
Nova Scotia . . . . .	\$ 5,007,798
British Columbia . . . . .	3,443,037
New Brunswick . . . . .	731,392
Prince Edward Island . . . . .	590,152
Ontario . . . . .	518,823
Quebec . . . . .	541,376
Manitoba and the Northwest Territories . . . . .	306,505

Total . . . . . \$11,169,083

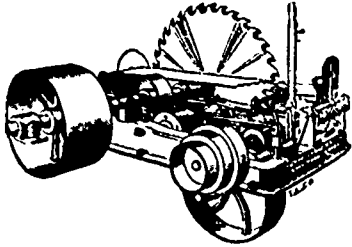
Of this total, \$4,071,136 went to Great Britain, \$203,444 to Australia, \$957,958 to the British West Indies, \$109,046 to British Guiana, and \$4,323 to other parts of the British Empire. After Great Britain, the largest purchaser was the United States, which took \$3,688,935 worth. Other leading customers were Brazil, \$427,732; Cuba, \$320,413; France, \$526,187; Germany, \$71,281; Italy, \$84,562; Japan, \$47,773; Sweden and Norway, \$33,556; Porto Rico, \$35,098; Portugal, \$58,124; U. S. of Colombia, \$27,017, and Venezuela, \$20,800.—Labor Gazette.



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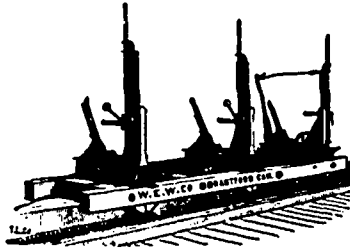


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BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Monday, April 22.

Wholesalers and retailers still complain of hard times in British Columbia. A feeling expressed by the various wholesalers this week is to the effect that Vancouver trade is very dull and money is tight...

The retail grocery trade is suffering very much in Vancouver from the fact that there are seventy-five groceries doing business in the city where the population is estimated from twenty-five to thirty-five thousand. Matters have come to such a serious pass in this connection that the time is thought ripe for some such startling experiment as is being considered at present...

British Columbia Market PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Changes this week have been unimportant. Peas have declined to 6 1/2c and silver skin onions have advanced 1/4c per lb. New potatoes are on the market, quoted at 2 1/2c; cherries at \$1.75 (\$2.25 per box, and strawberries at \$4.75 per case of two dozen boxes.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@16c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 14c; Brazil, 18c; walnuts, 14c per lb; coconuts, 90c (\$1 per dozen. SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 6 c; granulated, 5 c; extra C, 4 1/2c; fancy yellows, 4 1/2c; yellow, 4 1/2c per lb.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial. Nelson, April 27. Business is quiet. Eggs are 1c lower. Fresh Ontario butter is offering at 1 1/2c and former supplies of creamery. Oats have advanced \$2 per ton. Flour is down 20c. Hay is \$5 per ton lower.

British Columbia Salmon Fisheries Situation.

Special Correspondence. As it was last season the settlement of the wages question between the canneries and the fishermen will be the difficult one of the season this year. Already several meetings have been held in Steveston, and although informal, they have demonstrated that the fishermen intend to press their demands to at least a reasonable degree.

On the other hand there is perhaps a minority opinion among the cannery men, which looks towards the same difficulty and a possibility of the occurrence of the strike of last year. This they think, however, may be avoided by a consideration of reasonable terms at the proposed conference.

British Columbia Notes.

Paul Riedel & Bro., grocers and bakers, Grand Forks, have assigned. W. A. McLeod is opening a clothing and men's furnishings store at Fernie. The Vancouver Oil & Gas company, owning 5,000 acres of oil lands in Whitman county, Washington, will commence sinking a 10-inch well immediately.

The Wholesale Grocers' association at their last meeting held in Victoria elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: S. J. Pitts, president; H. T. Lockyer, vice-president; F. L. Elworthy, secretary-treasurer; F. N. Black, honorary secretary, Vancouver. The credit system was discussed and it was decided that 2 per cent. would be allowed on accounts paid by the 10th of the month following purchase...

The following companies have been incorporated: Flower Manufacturing Co., Limited, capital \$20,000. Lynn Creek Copper Gold Company, Limited, capital \$30,000; North Thompson River Exploration & Development Co., of British Columbia, capital \$50,000; Robertson-Godson, Limited, capital \$100,000; Ship Drumcraig Com. Co., Limited, capital \$30,000; Similkameen Company, Limited, capital \$25,000. The Rosland Proprietary & Mining Co. has been licensed an extra-provincial company with a capital of \$10,000.

British Columbia Mining.

The Great Western Mines, Limited, has removed their head office from Revelstoke to Ferguson. For the week ending 10th inst., the Miner-Graves syndicate shipped 147 cars of ore, the shipping weight of which amounted to 4,110 tons. The new hoist at the Mother Lode mine is now running smoothly, and the ore sorting plant is also working satisfactorily.

Miscellaneous Mining.

On the Toronto exchange Monday White Bear sold at 3 1/2c, Golden Star was firm at 7 1/2 and 7 1/2c. Some sales of Republic were made at 2 1/2c. The directors of the Princess Maud Gold Mining company have levied the thirty-second assessment of one mill per share. It is announced that a fine body of ore has been found in the third level. Fourteen assays taken since March 14 have given a general average of \$22.94 to the ton, of which \$7 was in gold and \$15.94 in silver.

Tenders.

The city of Winnipeg is advertising for tenders, to be in by June 23, for the purchase of \$955,708.22 of debentures. Tenders will be received up to Monday, April 29th, by W. D. Rutan, Manitou, for the erection of a Methodist parsonage in Manitou, Man., also for the purchase of the present parsonage property. Applications will be received by John McCarthy, Regina, until the 10th day of May next for the purchase of \$3,400 debentures, bearing 5 1/2 per cent.

repayable in 20 yearly instalments, on the security of Gratton school district, Regina, N. W. T. Tenders will be received by Jno. Williams, Box 351, Melita, Man., up to May 1st, for the erection of a frame school house on stone foundation in the Peninsula school district. Tenders are wanted for the purchase and removal of wooden buildings situated on the east side of Main street, Winnipeg, and known as Nos. 611, 611 1/2, 613, 615. Apply to room 20, 540 Main street. Tenders will be received up to the 29th inst., by the chief engineer of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg for clearing, grading, bridging, tracklaying and surfacing on the Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway from Lardeau to Trout Lake, B. C. Tenders will be received by the commissioner of public works, Regina, up to the 15th May, for the construction of a scow for the new ferry to be operated on the North Saskatchewan river immediately west of Rosthern.

Implement Trade Notes.

Twine prices are being quoted as follows at Chicago: Sisal and standard 8 1/2c per pound. Manila, 600-foot, 10 1/2c, and pure manilla 11 1/2c. Carlot prices are 1/4c less. The McCormick Company will replace with a new four story brick building the warehouse near Minneapolis, which it had destroyed by fire last year. The cost of the new building will be \$100,000. Reports from the iron and steel markets of the United States are to the effect that agricultural implement manufacturers have bought very heavily of those materials during the past two weeks. The purchases for Chicago account alone have been about one-quarter of a million tons. Binder twine orders have been coming in to Manitoba dealers pretty freely since the buying season opened. In fact it has been learned that some dealers placed their orders before the close of last year in order to get the advantage of prices which prevailed at that time. Since the late rise in twine prices orders have fallen off and many of the retailers who are not now booked will probably wait until near harvest before ordering. R. H. Potter, who is one of the travellers for Johnston & Stewart, implement dealers, Winnipeg, has returned from an extended trip through the west. Mr. Potter reports very satisfactory results from his trip, business having been very good in all seasonable lines of implements. The country along the Calgary and Edmonton branch of the C. P. R. he found particularly prosperous. Many new settlers have located there this spring, mostly people with money. These have all had to have new outfits. Engine and thresher men report an excellent outlook for the coming season's trade. They have already booked a good many orders and are adding to the list every day. Prices for these lines hold at about the same figure as a year ago, being if anything, a little lower. Machines are being made on much the same patterns and there are no new features to note. As one local manager put it, "We have our machines so perfect now that they cannot be improved upon."

Implement men here find business a little slacker now. Spring orders are practically all out and there is not much use pushing for new business until farmers are through seeding. They have no complaints to make regarding either the quality or quantity of the business which has fallen to them so far this year. Orders have been much more numerous than the early part of the year seemed to promise and there was considerable difficulty experienced in getting supplies forward from factories. The Lake of the Woods Milling Company are this week filling orders for Africa, China, Australia and England for Manitoba flour. Our Vancouver correspondent says: During the past week several representatives of the Puget Sound lumber firms have been in Vancouver endeavoring to buy cedar timber limits. These representatives say that the cedar limits on Puget Sound have practically been exhausted, and they are here now looking for an immediate supply. It is stated that the finer work of finishing lumber is having a remarkable good trade in the Sound milling business.

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**YUKON PROGRESS.**  
During the past winter various regulations which retarded development of the mining properties in the Yukon, have been removed and on Feb. 26 the whole territory was thrown open for mining location. The result has been that many claims have been re-located and business generally has revived greatly. The recording office in Dawson shows that for the three past

months applications were received for 1,700 relocations of placer claims and 750 new locations. Applications for quartz locations during the same period number 145 and 1,300 mine licenses were issued.

A change is noticeable in the method of working the claims. On many of these steam plants are now in operation and the claims are being worked more economically and sys-

tematically and it is, therefore, confidently expected that the output this year will exceed that of any previous season. Recently a number of hydraulic concessions have been thrown open also owing to the obligations existing under the grants not having been complied with.

A number of quartz ledges have been found, some of which have given very satisfactory assays, but it has

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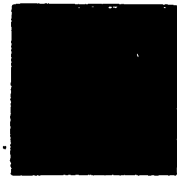
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not been proven as yet whether or not these are of marketable value. It is said, however, that some of the owners of these properties will bring in stamp mills this year and test the value of the ore.

Briggs—I hear you have been operating in Wall street?  
Griggs—A great mistake. I've been operated upon.—Harper's Bazar.

Manitoba.

H. Holloway will open a butcher shop in Stonewall, Man.

Sanders & McCann, implement dealers, Killarney, have assigned.

Fraleigh & Abercrombie have opened a drug store at Erwood, Man.

Geo. H. Healey, furniture dealer, Vision, has sold out to W. H. Ireland. Nash & Handley, boot and shoe dealers, Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

Leroy Bros. have leased the Grand View hotel at Brandon and will conduct it in future.

A. C. Lawson has bought the stock of P. Winram & Co., general merchants, Pilot Mound.

J. M. McCrindle has bought out the general store business of McCrindle & Co., at Foxwarren.

Cameron & Duncan, implement dealers, Melita, are opening a branch warehouse in Deloraine.

R. Horsley, butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out his business to P. Gallagher & Sons, of the city market.

The Brandon Brick Works lost 600 cords of wood by fire on Sunday last. The loss is placed at \$2,000.

The butcher business of W. C. Hartley, Carman, Man., will in future be carried on by Hartley & Detsaube.

John Brown & Co., who purchased the bankrupt stock of the Neepawa Trading Co., opened that store last week.

Pepper & Toole, implement dealers, Stonewall, Man., have dissolved partnership. E. Pepper will continue the business.

A car containing Manitoba's exhibit of grasses and grains for the Pan-American exposition, Buffalo, was shipped last week.

Samuel Crutcher, manager of the Bank of Hamilton branch, at Manitou, Man., was married on Wednesday last, in London, Ontario.

Joseph Turner and George B. Baxter, of Winnipeg, doing business under the firm name of The Manitoba Plumbing company, have assigned.

The gas well lately discovered near Melita is growing in strength. Tests have not as yet been made by experts but the smell of the gas is thought to indicate oil.

The Western Packing Company of Winnipeg is applying for incorporation. Its capital stock is to be \$75,000. The objects are to deal in live stocks, and dress and preserved meats, etc.

J. Y. Griffin & Co. have sold out their butcher business in the north end of Winnipeg to A. Gibson, grocer, of Alexander street, who intends shortly to make the newly purchased business his headquarters.

N. R. Preston has opened in Winnipeg in the real estate, loan and fire insurance business under the name of Preston & Co., and has located his office in the Livingstone block, corner Main and Portage avenue.

The following are the city pay lists passed at the last Winnipeg council meeting: Ordinary employees, \$4,691.57; fire, \$2,588.09; police, \$2,298.32; scavenging, \$724.35; water, \$985.06; light, \$380; and parks, \$499.80.

E. G. Conklin, who has been a prominent figure in Winnipeg political and business circles since the early days of the city, died suddenly last Saturday afternoon. He was one of the old timers here, and had at one time large interests in the real estate business. He was buried on Wednesday afternoon.

Alberta.

Fred Blaise has opened a general store in Millet.

R. W. McKinnell, Ponoka, Alberta, has opened a drug store.

J. S. Robertson, of the Queen's hotel, Wetaskiwin, has sold out to Widen.

Cinnamon Bros., butchers, Edmonton, have sold out to Ball & Howard.

Chas. H. Bilton is opening a general store in the Hill End district, near Laskett.

Oliver's blacksmith and wood workers' shop, at Lethbridge, was destroyed by fire this week; loss \$2,500. No insurance.

Renault & Boudreau, of the Assiniboia hotel, St. Albert, have dissolved partnership. J. D. Renault continuing the business.

A company to be called the Saskatchewan Exploration company is seeking incorporation, with the object of exploring, mining, and developing the country bordering on the Saskatchewan river, with head office at Edmonton, says the Battleford Herald.

The Edmonton Exhibition Association is arranging for a fair this year on a much larger scale than usual. The sum of \$5,000 will be spent on new buildings. The association is issuing 5,000 prize lists, and 1,000 lithographed posters, and they expect an attendance of 5,000 at the fair.

The officers elected to represent the Strathcona board of trade for the coming year are: Wm. McLaren, president; J. M. Douglas, vice-president; J. Hamilton McDonald, secretary; members of council, Frank Cowles, A. Davies, J. J. Durgan, T. F. English, R. A. Hulbert, A. McLean, A. C. Rutherford, John Walter. This board has just been organized, but starts out with a membership of thirty-seven.

Assinibola.

A. T. Davis & Co., general merchants, Manor, have assigned.

Dr. R. B. Dean has opened a drug store at Maple Creek, Assa.

Saskatchewan.

W. Gurgisberg, Rosthern, is calling for tenders, to be in by 14th May, for the erection of a four roomed schoolhouse at Rosthern.

Gladstone has retired from the management of the Queen's hotel at Prince Albert, and will be succeeded by Stalker & Oram.

Hague, one of the new towns on the Prince Albert branch, is fast becoming an important business point, as it is the market place for a large number of well-to-do Mennonites, who came from Manitoba and the United States. The business men now at Hague are: John Kochler, general merchant; Jacob Hibbert, hardware; and groceries; Geo. Bergen, groceries and stationery; Jacob D. Friesen, livery stable; John Wiebe, lumber; P. W. Harder, butcher; also some implement warehouses, hotel, 75-barrel flour mill, owned by the Consolidated Milling Co., etc.

Northwestern Ontario.

Sheltingburg will open a harness shop in Dryden, Ont.

The stock of J. Michaud, boot and shoe dealer, Keowatin, was bought by Rosenthal at 43c on the dollar.

The steamer Maple Leaf, of the Rainy River Navigation Co., Limited, is now running from Baudette, the terminus of the Canadian Northern railroad on Rainy river, to Fort Frances and all points on Rainy river.

It is stated that work on the construction of the section of the Canadian Northern, between Baudette and the end of the steel west of Port Arthur will be rushed, so that the gap may be closed up and the road finished and put in shape to handle this season's crop. Arrangements have been made to put a thousand men on the work at once.

A Manitoba Fire.

On March 16 a fire occurred in a store occupied by Morrow Bros. at Portage la Prairie and it was decided to hold an inquiry before Mr. W. E. Macara as fire commissioner. Mr. Phippen attended on behalf of the board of underwriters.

On the night in question, as was shown by the evidence taken, a volume of smoke was seen to issue from the McLennaghan block, in which Morrow Bros. store was situated; the upper stories were occupied as apartments by private persons and considerable excitement existed among them while trying to remove their property.

Chief Roxborough's evidence showed that on his arriving at the McLennaghan block he discovered fire in the cellar of Morrow's store and also in the back part of the store; both fires were put out and the damage was confined to the store. The following day the chief examined the premises and found that the fire in the store was not over the place of that in the cellar. There was nothing connecting one with the other, and there evidently had been two fires, independent of each other.

The caretaker of the block gave evidence that the block was heated by steam, that the furnace was not in Morrow's cellar, and there was a stone wall between their cellar and the furnace room.

Mr. J. A. Carley was sent to Portage la Prairie to appraise the loss. He stated the fixtures and the stock in hand on the day of the fire were worth about \$1,945. According to Morrow Bros.' books they should have had stock to the value of \$3,526.80, there being thus a difference of \$1,722 between the stock in the store and the amount which should have been there as shown by the books. These figures were approved by the appraisers acting for Morrow Bros. and they also signed the statement verifying the correctness of them. The insurance carried by Morrow Bros. amounted to \$3,400.

Both the Morrow Bros. were examined, but both stated they could not account for the cause of the fire unless it had been started by an incendiary. They also stated that they left the store shortly after 10 o'clock, everything had then been locked up and appeared to be secure. There was no stove used on the premises. They knew that the insurance was in excess of stock on hand, and should only have been for two-thirds of the value of what was there, but as they intended to get in some more goods they did not think it worth while to reduce the amount of the insurance.

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on corn from New York 11.07c, and Boston, 11c. Flour is 2 1/4c per 100 lbs., and provisions, 32.03c/34 1/2c. The straits are open, but the St. Clair river is blocked with ice and boats are in no hurry to leave. The engineers' strike is also a menace to the opening of navigation and a few of the boats loaded with corn are unloading. There is a good demand for boats to load wheat for Buffalo at 2 1/4c, but there is no call for loading corn, the rate being 2 1/4c.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Montreal, April 27, 1901.

Pig Iron—Canadian pig iron is worth \$18.00@18.50, and Sumnerite \$20.00@21.00.

Bar Iron—Killing price, \$17.50@18.00. Black Sheets—\$2.65 for 8 to 16 gauge. Galvanized Iron—No. 25 Queen's Head, \$4.65; Apollo, 16 1/2 ounce, \$4.60; Comet, \$4.60@4.45, with 1 1/2 allowance in case lots.

Ingot Tin—Lamb and Flag, 31c per lb. Terne Plates—\$7.75@8.88. Lead—\$3.90@3.95 per 100 lbs.

Lead Pipe—7c for ordinary and 7 1/2c for composition waste, with 25 per cent off. Iron Pipe—Black pipe, 1/2, \$3 per 100 ft.;

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Coll. Chain—No. 6, 1 1/2c; No. 5, 10c; No. 4, 9c; No. 3, 8c; 1/4 in., 7 1/2c per pound; 5/16, \$4.65; 3/16, \$4.70; 1/4, \$4.75; 5/16, \$4.80; 3/8, \$4.85; 1/2, \$4.90; 5/8, \$4.95; 3/4, \$5.00; 7/8, \$5.05; 1, \$5.10; 1 1/8, \$5.15; 1 1/4, \$5.20; 1 1/2, \$5.25; 1 3/4, \$5.30; 2, \$5.35; 2 1/4, \$5.40; 2 1/2, \$5.45; 2 3/4, \$5.50; 3, \$5.55; 3 1/4, \$5.60; 3 1/2, \$5.65; 3 3/4, \$5.70; 4, \$5.75; 4 1/4, \$5.80; 4 1/2, \$5.85; 4 3/4, \$5.90; 5, \$5.95; 5 1/4, \$6.00; 5 1/2, \$6.05; 5 3/4, \$6.10; 6, \$6.15; 6 1/4, \$6.20; 6 1/2, \$6.25; 6 3/4, \$6.30; 7, \$6.35; 7 1/4, \$6.40; 7 1/2, \$6.45; 7 3/4, \$6.50; 8, \$6.55; 8 1/4, \$6.60; 8 1/2, \$6.65; 8 3/4, \$6.70; 9, \$6.75; 9 1/4, \$6.80; 9 1/2, \$6.85; 9 3/4, \$6.90; 10, \$6.95; 10 1/4, \$7.00; 10 1/2, \$7.05; 10 3/4, \$7.10; 11, \$7.15; 11 1/4, \$7.20; 11 1/2, \$7.25; 11 3/4, \$7.30; 12, \$7.35; 12 1/4, \$7.40; 12 1/2, \$7.45; 12 3/4, \$7.50; 13, \$7.55; 13 1/4, \$7.60; 13 1/2, \$7.65; 13 3/4, \$7.70; 14, \$7.75; 14 1/4, \$7.80; 14 1/2, \$7.85; 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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, April 27.

Wholesale business in the city is steady and mostly of a sorting character. The indications point to a very satisfactory season's trade in spite of the financial stringency which is very marked and will continue so until another harvest. Merchants throughout the country bought cautiously when travellers were out for placing business, and as a result have had to come back for sorting lots earlier than usual. They also manifest their confidence in the future by ordering fall goods in fairly liberal quantities, which was hardly expected by wholesale merchants. The increased population has perhaps more to do with this, though, than improved prospects. There is a good retail trade being done in the city. The weather has not been so favorable for outdoor work, rains and wind storms having been a prominent feature. Bank clearings at Winnipeg have been about the same as in the same week last year.

### WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, April 27.  
BINDER TWINE.

There has been no change in the twine market this week and prices rule steady at the quotations we gave last Saturday. The twine in the market for pure manilla, l.o.b., Chicago, standard and sisal are worth 85¢ per pound same basis.

#### BOOTS AND SHOES.

Travellers on the road with fall samples are meeting with unexpectedly large orders, and there is every prospect of a better trade this year than ever, notwithstanding the backward state of finances. Of course, everything depends upon the crops. If they get a good start and make satisfactory progress throughout the summer advance ordering will be large, while on the other hand if anything happens to mar the prospects of a good yield country merchants will have to pursue a very cautious policy and cancellations will be again in order as they were last year. It seems certain that this year will be no general change this year as leather is holding pretty firm and steady and there are no disturbing features in the situation.

#### BUILDING MATERIALS.

There is a good demand for building stone at steady prices. We quote prices as follows: Rubble stone, \$4.00 per cord; footings, \$5.50 per cord; broken stone, \$1.25 per cubic yard; white lime, 20¢ per bushel; gray lime, 15¢ to 16¢ per bushel. Veneer brick, \$12 per thousand; kiln run, \$11 per thousand.

#### DRY GOODS.

Business is fairly active and the markets present no new feature. Sorting trade is engaging all attention so far as shipping is concerned and the volume of this is very satisfactory. Travellers are showing fall samples to country merchants with considerable success.

#### DRUGS.

Business is good with local wholesale dealers. Country orders are larger than they have ever before and there is also a good demand from city druggists and other consumers. As regards prices the principal feature is strength in opium, which has been steadily climbing upwards. The cause of the upward tendency is the adverse advice from Turkey regarding the new crop. Drouth has reduced the prospects of the yield to about a minimum and unless rains are experienced shortly the crop will be a failure. The New York Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter of last Saturday gives the following list of changes in that market. Advanced—Ginger, 5¢; ginseng, 1¢; Jamaica, 1¢; yellow, 15¢; pepper, Acheen, 3¢; pepper, W. C. Sumatra, 5¢; camphor oil, 5¢; oil of cedar, wood, 2¢; salicylic acid, 2¢; oil of hemlock, 3¢; opium, 13½¢. De-

clined—Cassia oil, 2½¢; anise oil, 5¢; Caranaba wax, 10½¢; thymol, 50¢; langumot, 10¢; lemon oil, 15¢; orange oil, sweet, 10¢; oil of cassiafras, natural, 1¢; tolu balsam, 1¢; menthol, 3¢. Winnipeg prices current will be found on another page.

#### FISH.

The market is steady and practically unchanged. We quote prices as follows: Whitefish, 5½¢ to 6¢ per pound; pickerel, 16¢ per lb.; trout, 3¢ to 3½¢; fresh spring salmon, 14¢ per pound; salmon, 12½¢; halibut, 12½¢; Lake Superior herring, 20¢ per dozen; salt cod, 6½¢; Labrador herring, per barrel, \$4.00; salt mackerel, \$2.25 per kilt; bonitos cod, 7½¢ per lb.; boneless fish, 6½¢ per lb.; finnan haddies, 8¢ per pound; fresh sea cod, 6½¢, 7¢ per pound; fresh haddock, 8¢; smelts, 7½¢; mackerel, 13¢; fresh shad, 10¢; hams, 13¢; cels, 10¢; oyster, selects, \$2.15 per gallon; standard, \$2.00.

#### GROCERIES.

Wholesale merchants are experiencing an active demand for all sorts of reasonable lines. Strawberries are becoming very scarce in the city and but very few can be procured in the east, the total pack having apparently long since been the first harvest. Prices have advanced here to \$4.50 per bush as against \$4.00 heretofore. Coffee is somewhat easier in primary markets, but remains unchanged here. Cereals remain unchanged. Prunes which have been cheaper for the past ten days have again advanced from 24¢ to 25¢ and will probably be back again very shortly to their former level. Apricots have advanced in price at producing points and are now 3½¢ dearer there than a week ago. Fitted plums are now 30¢ to 32¢ the whole. The price of the dried fruit market is upward. Syrup and sugar are unchanged. Teas continue to strengthen and India and Ceylon of 1d to 1½d higher than they have been in the British markets. For Winnipeg quotations see elsewhere in this issue.

#### GREEN FRUITS.

Bananas, strawberries, tomatoes and early green vegetables are now arriving daily. A consignment of oranges has just arrived. Egyptian onions are expected about May 3. Oranges are cheap and plentiful. Lemons hold steady. We quote: Apples, \$1 per barrel; California navel oranges, per box \$2.25 to \$4.00; lemons, per box \$2.50 to \$3.00; bananas, per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3.00; strawberries, \$8.00 per crate of two dozen boxes; figs, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 10-lb box; onions per pound, 1½¢; carton dates, per pack, \$2.50 to \$3.00; new dates, per 10-lb jar, \$2.50 a dozen; maple sugar, kegs or barrels 35¢ per gallon; honey, 12¢; maple syrup, 2-lb tins, per dozen, \$2.25; half gallon tins, \$5.50 per dozen; gallons, \$12.00; Mexican tomatoes, in 4-bushel crates, \$1.00; California onions, per dozen, \$1.00; lettuce, per dozen, 40¢; radish, per dozen, 30¢; pea-piant, 12½¢ per pound.

#### HARDWARE.

The demand for hardware and building materials at local wholesale houses is large and an active season's trade is anticipated. The demand for fencing materials, garden tools, wire, screen, etc., is particularly good. As soon as navigation is open on the lakes fresh stocks will begin to come forward in many summer lines. Prices have shown but very little change this week. The prices of bolts and iron show an increased, making net prices a little lower. Iron and steel are very firmly held in sympathy with eastern markets. Wholesale quotations for staple lines at Winnipeg are given on another page.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The market is steady and practically unchanged. There is a good demand for all paints and balsamine materials. Linseed oil is firm at old prices. Turpentine is the only line which shows any change in price, the regular figure for pure spirits in barrels being 65¢ per gallon, a drop of 2¢ from previous quotations. Glass is still very firm. Coal oil is steady and unchanged. For prices see elsewhere in this issue.

#### IMPLEMENTS AND CARRIAGES.

Implement dealers find business a little slower than while the rush for spring deliveries was on. Supplementary orders are being filled for some points. Travellers for the summer and fall business are finding trade in advance orders for these lines will be numerous. Carriage and buggy business

has been good this spring. In fact, it has been all that dealers could handle, owing to difficulty in getting deliveries from factories. Manufacturers have been so busy with orders that they have been unable to ship the goods fast enough. The shortage here a week or two ago, counting all the factories represented must have amounted to a good many carloads, and this is gradually being reduced. Another branch of the implement business which has been showing a good deal of activity of late is the thresher and engine business. Dealers say that their orders to date have been very satisfactory and they look forward to an active autumn trade. Grain implements are also in good demand.

#### LEATHER.

The market for harness leather is easier and we note a decline here of 1¢ per pound, making No. 1 harness leather 41¢ per pound in proportion. Sole leather and all other varieties remain unchanged. Business is fairly active and there are no new features to note excepting the above mentioned decline. Winnipeg prices will be found on another page.

#### RAW FURS.

The market is almost dead. Buyers are not at all anxious to operate with the market in the shape it is in now and shippers are being left with large quantities to far a solicitation of consignments is concerned. Some furs are coming in, of course, and are being bought at prices which dealers think the situation will warrant, but there are no such fancy prices as were going in the early part of the winter to be had now. The quality of the furs is not such as to warrant active buying even if the market were favorable. Shippers should be careful about consigning furs to consignees in the United States or elsewhere which have not had an established connection here or which they do not know. The country has been flooded at times during the past few months with cheap consignments of furs which do not net the shipper as much as could have been obtained from any well-known local buyer.

#### SCRAP.

Prices rule steady as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from slag, 25¢ per ton; No. 2 \$12 to \$13 per ton; No. 2 \$4 to \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$7 per ton; heavy copper, 10 to 12¢ per pound; red brass, 10¢ per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 10¢ per pound; lead pipe or gas lead, 2 to 2½¢ per pound; raw, country mixed, 50¢ per 100 pounds rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 1¢ per pound; waste of iron, 1¢ per pound; boiler, dry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 per ton; bottles, quarts, 20¢ per dozen; pints, 12½¢ per dozen.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—There has been a broader and more active wheat market the last six or seven days than has been seen for some time, and not since the end of March have prices been so high as they closed at yesterday on the American speculative markets. In the Winnipeg market prices show an advance of 2½ to 3½¢ on the week, according to market, the largest advance being in the New York market. The cause of the advance seems to have been the effect of the large exports from the States during the last few weeks which have resulted in abnormal decreases in the American visible supply. Along with this, the most marked speculative reports of considerable damage to the wheat crop in Germany backed up by increase of buying for continental America. These considerations have induced a good cash demand in the States and, together with shorts in speculative markets, and also a wider buying for investment resulting in the fair advance stated above. While the present and immediate future of the wheat crop presents a healthy active condition it depends altogether on the development of the growing crops as to the more distant future. More or less severe damage is evident in the wheat crop in Canada. It may be noticed that in the last five years that crop only averaged about 130,000,000 bushels per year, therefore, a large percentage of damage to the crop is not important unless considered in this light in our country where damage is mentioned to a

notable extent at the present date. A good deal is reported through groups of speculative markets as to fires in the West and Hesban in damage in the States winter wheat crop, but from a conservative and authentic source as very little damage in this way is reported. The "Price Current" this week says, "Winter wheat market is good prices." "The Orange and Red Farmer" says, "On the whole nothing has occurred to change the situation as to winter wheat crop," and he adds, "Conditions are unusually good for spring wheat crop, but from our progress has been made." In Europe, all winter wheat crops are reported in thriving condition, except Germany, the reports from Russia being unusually good. Shipments from exporting countries continue large in the aggregate although Argentina is only shipping about half as much as last year. The American visible supply decreased 14,000,000 bushels, compared to a decrease of 2,017,000 bushels the week previous, and a decrease of 450,000 bushels the same week last year. The world's shipments of winter wheat this week, compared to 10,100,000 bushels the previous week and 8,400,000 bushels the same week last year.

The local market continues remarkable about the same as the increased activity and firmer markets outside. Buyers are scarce and indifferent. Prices are above export value and holders are firm in their ideas and not disposed to sell at a loss. Yesterday's business was 1st hard, 97½¢; 2nd hard, 74½¢; 3rd hard, 67½¢; 3rd northern 62½¢; tough 3rd hard, 62½¢; tough 4th northern, 58½¢; dried 3rd hard, 41¢; green, 37½¢; all in stores Fort William, 62½¢; route. For May delivery prices are ½¢ higher than above.

FLOUR.—We quote prices as follows: Locke of the North, Five Groves, \$2.10; Red Patent, \$1.85; Madras, \$1.75; XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 98 pounds; Ogilvie Milling Co., Hungarian, \$2.10; Glensora Patent, \$1.95; Alberta, \$1.75; Manitoba, \$1.60 and Imperial XXXX, \$1.27 per sack of 98 pounds.

MILLED.—Bran \$13 per ton and shorts \$15 per ton delivered.

GROUND FEED.—Pure oat chop is worth \$27 per ton delivered, mixed barley and oats, \$25 per ton, and corn \$22 per ton, an advance of 50 cents in the price of the latter.

COUNTRY WHEAT.—The market is almost a nominal condition as there is little or no wheat being delivered by farmers.

OTS.—Demand is steady and the market featureless. Plenty of oats are offering. We quote: French, Alberta, oats, 41 to 43¢; Manitoba grades, 30¢ to 40¢ in carlots on track here.

BARLEY.—None offering. CORN.—Corn is ½¢ higher at 53 to 53½¢ per bushel in car lots here for No. 3.

FLAXSEED.—Argentina seed is about all that is offering. Holders are asking \$3.00 per bushel for this. HAY.—There is a good demand for hay and prices have advanced \$1 per ton. We quote choice fresh haled hay \$9 to \$10 per ton in carlots on track here. Loose hay on the street is also worth \$9 to \$10 per ton.

POULTRY.—Fresh turkeys are quoted at 14 to 15¢ per pound. Fresh stock 14 to 15¢; chickens 12 to 13¢; ducks, 9¢; geese, 8¢; wild geese, 7¢ each.

DRESSED MEATS.—Prices have held steady this week. Efforts are being made to clear out stocks of frozen mutton. We quote: Fresh mutton, 7 to 8¢ per pound; veal, 7 to 8½¢ per pound; mutton frozen, 8¢ per pound; fresh mutton, 10 to 11¢ per pound; hogs, 7 to 8¢ per pound.

BUTTER.—Creamery—Old creamery butter is being sold now at about 18¢ per pound, dealers being anxious to clear out stocks. Fresh butter is selling at 19½ to 21½¢ in the retail trade. Country factories should get started again soon.

BUTTER.—Dairy—Choice granular very scarce. Inferior butter is plentiful. An high as 15¢ per pound is being bid in the retail trade. Butter received here, but the ruling quotation for best is 14 to 16¢ commission bank. Most of the offerings bring at 12 to 15¢ second grades are not wanted. Butter should be quoted at 8 to 11¢ commission bank.

CHEESE.—Manitoba cheese is being

sold to the retail trade here at 10c per pound.

EGGS—The market is 1/4 to 1c lower at 10 to 10 1/2c per dozen for fresh eggs in cases, delivered here.

VEGETABLES—Business is dull. We quote: Potatoes, 40c to 45c per bushel; carrots, 75 to 90c per bushel; beets, 45c per bushel; turnips, 25c per bushel; parsnips, 3c per pound; onions, \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel; cabbage, 10c to 4c per pound; celery, imported, 50 to \$1 per dozen; parsley, lettuce, radish and avocados, 25c to 30c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—There has been no change in prices since a week ago. The feeling in the market is a little better in sympathy with Chicago and other large centres. No. 1 hides, 5c per lb. 35 cents.

No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; frozen hides, 4 1/2c. Kips same as hides; sheep and lamb skins, 40 to 70c each; skunks, 25c each.

WOOL—None offering. We quote unashed fleeces nominally worth 8 to 8 1/2c per pound.

TALLOW—Dealers are paying for No. 1 tallow at 4c per pound. No. 2 is worth 3c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—New root should soon begin to come in. The market will open at about 2 1/2c per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Fat cattle are scarce and have advanced 1/4c per pound in price this week. The scarcity of feed throughout the country has greatly reduced the number of cattle fit for immediate slaughter. We quote choice butchers' grades 4 1/2c per pound, medium to good 4 1/4c and inferior 4 to 4 1/2c off cars here. Stockers are worth about \$12 to \$16 each for yearlings.

SHEEP—There are very few live sheep in the market as stocks of frozen mutton held here are still considerable and butchers are anxious to clean these out before buying fresh stocks. Lambs are meeting with some demand at \$3.50 to \$4.00 each.

HOGS—We quote live hogs worth \$5.00 per hundred pounds off cars here. This is a lower price than we named last week but it does not represent an actual decline as the difference is between butchers and packers' quotations. Butchers are willing to pay the better price but as it does not take many to supply their trade at present and they are in the habit of being more particular about the selection whereas packers are taking the bulk of the supply and pay a price which yields shippers as much or more on a round lot than butchers pay, we quote the packer's price. More money than this will, of course, be paid for extra choice selections.

MILK COWS—Supply is limited and there is not much demand. We quote \$20 to \$40 per head, according to grade.

HORSES—The demand for horses has fallen off, especially the farmers' demand. A considerable number are being held here awaiting better demand. Values remain about the same. Work horses will bring all the way from \$125 to \$200 each, according to weight and quality.

Argentine Flaxseed.

Those who have carefully examined a sample of this season's Argentine flax, says the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter, of New York, may have noticed it contains a large number of triangular reddish brown seeds about 1/16th inch long, only distinguishable by close examination from the round seed of brown mustard. Of a number of samples of Argentine examined all were found to contain this impurity. A number of the weed seeds were selected from an Argentine sample in the writer's possession and forwarded by Flax Inspector Stevens to the division of botany, United States department of agriculture, for an opinion. The department under date of April 13 writes: "We are not thoroughly familiar with the weeds of Argentina, but this weed is either the seed of the common curly dock, Rumex crispus, or that of some species of rumex so closely related to crispus as to be indistinguishable from it." There is no weed which the agriculturist has a greater prejudice against than dock and it is exterminated wherever found, the farmer fearing the result of its spreading. Its presence in Argentine flax, and the difficulty of clearing the flax of it, make it incumbent on the farmer experimenting with Argentine seed to use the greatest precaution against fouling his land with this pernicious weed.

This item will be of interest to Manitoba farmers as Argentine flaxseed is now being offered to them for seed purposes. The flaxseed itself is a fine sample, but great care will have

to be used in cleaning it, so that nothing but flax may be sown. We have a pretty fair collection of noxious weeds in Manitoba now and while it may be that the flaxseed being offered here is innocent of the weed mentioned by the Reporter it would be as well if persons using it made perfectly sure that they sow nothing but flax when using it for seed.

New Wholesale Branch.

The Heddling Shoe Manufacturing Co., of Yarmouth, N. S., are opening a branch in Winnipeg, under the management of H. F. Murray. Warerooms have been secured in the building partly occupied by Bright & Johnston, on Bannatyne street east, where a full line of their own make of boots and shoes will be kept, as well as some lines of United States leather and felt goods. They have been doing business in the west for the past two years, filling orders direct from the factory, but for the convenience of their customers they will in future carry a stock in Winnipeg.

Seeding.

The weather has been warm this week and considerable seeding has been done. Some farmers are through with their wheat seeding. A gale of wind prevailed on Sunday last which is reported to have done some damage by blowing the loose earth, though coming after the snow of last week the damage could hardly be serious. There was heavy rain this week, particularly on Thursday, accompanied by wind which reached the proportions of a hurricane, damaging and destroying property in its track. The centre of the storm, where the damage was done, was confined to a narrow strip of country. Yesterday (Friday) was dark and drizzly with very heavy rains in the afternoon and evening. Indications today are for more rain, with dark and threatening weather.

Important C. P. R. Changes.

The following official appointments are announced by the Canadian Pacific railway. Win Whyte, at present manager of the western lines, to be assistant to the president. Thomas Tait, present manager of eastern lines, to be manager of transportation. Jas. Osborne, at present superintendent of the western division, to be superintendent of the Atlantic division, with headquarters at St. John, N. B. H. P. Timmerman, at present superintendent of the Atlantic division, to be superintendent of the Ontario and Quebec divisions, with headquarters at Toronto. J. W. Leonard, at present superintendent of the Ontario and Quebec division, to be superintendent of the western division, with headquarters at Winnipeg. C. W. Spencer, to be superintendent of the eastern division, with headquarters at Montreal.

The business community of the west will be pleased to learn in connection with the above announcements, which were made on Monday, that Mr. Whyte is to have his headquarters at Winnipeg.

Hardwood Lumber Prices.

Following is the new scale of hardwood lumber prices fixed by the Winnipeg lumber dealers:

Plain white or red oak, 1 in.	Per M \$70.00
Plain white or red oak, 1 1/4 to 2 in.	75.00
Plain white or red oak, 2 1/4 to 4 in.	80.00
Plain white or red oak, 5 1/4 to 12 1/2	80.00
Treads, white or red oak, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2	82.00
1 1/2 in. and wider	82.00
1/4 Sawn red oak, 1 in.	85.00
1/4 Sawn red oak, 1 1/4 to 2 in.	85.00
1/4 Sawn white oak, 1 in.	105.00
1/4 Sawn white oak, 1 1/4 to 2 in.	110.00
1/4 Sawn red oak, veneer, 1/4 in.	65.50
Plain red oak veneer	50.00
Common	40.00
Call	35.00
Birch, 1 in.	60.00
Birch, 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 in.	67.00

I. X. L. FLOORING.

No. 1 3 in. maple, 4 to 16 ft.	57.00
No. 1 3 in. maple, 2 to 5 1/2 ft.	52.00
No. 1 1/2 in. maple, 2 to 16 ft.	40.00
No. 2 3 in. maple, 2 to 16 ft.	50.00
No. 1 3 in. birch, 4 to 16 feet.	56.00
No. 1 3 in. birch, 2 to 5 1/2 feet.	50.00
No. 2 3 in. birch, 2 to 16 ft.	49.00

BASSWOOD.

3 1/4 in. ceiling, 8 to 16 ft.	37.00
3 1/4 in. ceiling, 5 to 16 ft.	43.00
8 and 10 in. beams	48.00
12 in. and wider	56.00
3/4 boards, 8 in. and wider	49.00

A report from Montreal states that arrangements are being made to bring 500 French Canadians from Lowell, Mass., to the Swan River country.

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**ANVILS.**—Per lb. 162124c, avul and vica combined, each \$3444.50.

**ANCHERS.**—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, \$3.00.

**AXES.**—Bench, 20 and 10 per cent; chopping axes, per dozen, \$10.75; double bit, per dozen, \$12.00.

**BELLOWS.**—6 and 10 per 100 lb.

**BELLOWS.**—20-24, \$4.50; 24, \$4.95; 28, \$5.40; 30, \$5.85; 32, \$6.30; 34, \$7.23; 36, \$7.80; 38, \$8.35.

**BELTING.**—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 70 per cent; extra, 80 per cent off.

**BILLS.**—ADGER—American, 50 per cent; Jennings, Excelsior, 45 per cent.

**BILLYS.**—Carridge, 65 and 75 per cent; van, 60 and 75 per cent; plow, 50 and 5 per cent; sleigh shoe, 70 per cent; stove, 60 per cent; iron, 60 per cent.

**BILLYS.**—24 PEB—Anchor, Cyclone and Jubilee, plain, 65c; Cyclone and Jubilee, tarred, 50c; Anchor, tarred, 70c; sleigh, tarred, 60c.

**BIRTS.**—Cast, 50c; iron, 60 per cent; wrought steel, narrow, 60 per cent; loose pin, 60 per cent; broad, 50 per cent.

**CAIRNTHINGS.**—Rim fire, American diamond, 33 1/3 per cent; Dominion 50 and 5 per cent; central, rim pistol, American diamond, 30 per cent; military and sporting, American 10 per cent advance on list, Dominion 10 per cent.

**CEMENT.**—Portland, barrel, \$4.20-\$4.50.

**CHAINS.**—Coil, proved, 3-16 in. per 100 lb. \$1.40; 3/16 in. per 20 chains, 30c; 1/2 in. \$1.40; 5/8 in. \$1.50; 3/4 in. \$1.60; 7/8 in. \$1.75; 1 in. \$1.90; 1 1/8 in. \$2.10; 1 1/4 in. \$2.25; 1 1/2 in. \$2.40; 1 3/4 in. \$2.55; 2 in. \$2.70; 2 1/4 in. \$2.85; 2 1/2 in. \$2.95; 2 3/4 in. \$3.10; 3 in. \$3.25; 3 1/2 in. \$3.40; 4 in. \$3.55; 4 1/2 in. \$3.70; 5 in. \$3.85; 5 1/2 in. \$3.95; 6 in. \$4.10; 6 1/2 in. \$4.25; 7 in. \$4.40; 7 1/2 in. \$4.55; 8 in. \$4.70; 8 1/2 in. \$4.85; 9 in. \$4.95; 9 1/2 in. \$5.10; 10 in. \$5.25; 10 1/2 in. \$5.40; 11 in. \$5.55; 11 1/2 in. \$5.70; 12 in. \$5.85; 12 1/2 in. \$6.00; 13 in. \$6.15; 13 1/2 in. \$6.30; 14 in. \$6.45; 14 1/2 in. \$6.60; 15 in. \$6.75; 15 1/2 in. \$6.90; 16 in. \$7.05; 16 1/2 in. \$7.20; 17 in. \$7.35; 17 1/2 in. \$7.50; 18 in. \$7.65; 18 1/2 in. \$7.80; 19 in. \$7.95; 19 1/2 in. \$8.10; 20 in. \$8.25; 20 1/2 in. \$8.40; 21 in. \$8.55; 21 1/2 in. \$8.70; 22 in. \$8.85; 22 1/2 in. \$9.00; 23 in. \$9.15; 23 1/2 in. \$9.30; 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was fair, and sales were made at 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 26. Receipts of live stock at the East end abattoir on Thursday included 300 cattle and 100 sheep and lambs. Although the supply of cattle was larger than on Monday yet the under- tone of the market was firm and prices were maintained. The attendance of buyers was large and as the most of them wanted a few cattle an active trade was done. Really choice steers were scarce and some buyers found it difficult to fill their wants as to quality. Best stock sold at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4, good at 4 to 4 1/4, fair at 3 3/4 to 3 1/2, and lower grades at from 2 1/2 to 3 per pound. The demand for sheep was good and as the supply was small prices ruled firm at 3 1/2 to 5 per pound. Spring lambs met with a good demand at from \$2 to \$5 each. The market for hogs was steady with a good demand at 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 per pound.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial. Montreal, April 27. According to cables from Glasgow the market for Canadian and American cattle was weak in sympathy with the break in prices in Liverpool and London on Monday, consequently shippers stated that prices realized on both lost considerable money and the prospects are not very encouraging for the future.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, April 22.—The trade in cattle was bad, and the tone of the market weak, owing to the fact that supplies were excessive. American cattle declined 1c, and sheep 1 1/2c per lb. since this day week. Choice cattle sold at 12 1/2, and sheep at 13 1/2c. Liverpool, April 22.—This market was also dull and weak, and prices for choice Canadian cattle show a decline of 1/2c per lb., with sales at 11 1/2c.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, April 26. Quotations are 1/2 to 3/4c lower at from 10 1/2 to 12c per pound, dressed weights. Sheep, 15 to 13 1/2c per pound; lambs, 11c. The market is disappointing to exporters, who expected an advance at the opening of navigation.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, April 26. Cheese quoted 6d lower at 4 1/2d for colored, and 4 1/4d for white.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. London, April 26. Best sugar is quoted 2 1/2d higher at 3 1/2d.

LIVE STOCK PROSPECTS.

In the course of another week or so the local export live stock trade will be in full swing, says the Montreal Gazette, but according to cable advices received to-day, and the tenor of the same, the prospects for shippers are not very encouraging at present, and the indications are that the season is going to open with low prices ruling in the two leading foreign markets. The demand for ocean freight here from small shippers has been very limited of late, owing to the unfavorable advices received, but this fact seems to have little effect upon rates. At to-day's prices abroad shippers of both Canadian and American cattle and sheep will lose considerable money.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

T. H. Easton, carriage maker, Minnedosa, Man., has assigned. Harry L. Salmon, tobacconist, of Victoria and Vancouver, has assigned. J. Lowes and Mrs. Mills will open a confectionery store in Moosomin, Assa. Frank Simpson has sold the Grand Central hotel at Nelson, B. C., to Thomas & Erickson. E. Gilmore, butcher, Olds, Alta., has sold out to H. W. Brown. Geo. Rogers has sold the New Era, published at Sidney, Man., to D. McLellan and H. E. Hamilton. Joe Anderson, who is being transferred from the Union bank branch, at Moosomin, Assa., to the management of the branch at Wawanesa, Man., was presented with a gold

headed cane by the business men of Moosomin.

A Mr. Walker, from Ontario, is starting in the blacksmith business at Balmora, Man.

Mackenzie & Simontie have opened a real estate, loan and insurance office in the McIntyre block, Winnipeg.

The population of the village of Russell, Man., has now reached 420, comprising 85 households and occupying 84 dwellings.

Hegler & Calder, of Beaverton, Ont., are negotiating to establish a flour mill at Cartwright, Man. They have been offered a bonus of \$2,500.

E. R. Price, general merchant, of Rosser, Man., has suffered serious loss by having his building damaged and stock partly blown away by the hurricane which passed over that district on Thursday last.

The stock of Geo. H. Hyndman & Co., clothing, men's furnishings and boots and shoes, Winnipeg, will be sold by auction by the assignee on Monday, May 6. The stock is valued at \$10,032. Book accounts at \$365.

Tenders will be received up to May 2nd by the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the construction of a sewer on Dufferin avenue and a granite walk on McDermott avenue from Arthur street to King street.

Toronto Hardware Prices.

Toronto, April 27. ANTIMONY—10 1/2c per lb for Cook's. BARBED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$2.70(\$2.82). Toronto, \$3.05 per 100 lb. BAIT IRON—Price for common, \$1.75 at \$1.80 per 100 lb. BINDER TWINE—Pure Manila, 11 1/2c per lb; sisal, 8 1/2c. SHEETS—24 gauge, \$2.30. BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full square, 6 1/2 per cent; common carriage bolts, all sizes, 60 per cent; coach screws, bolts, all sizes, 60 per cent; machine 7/8 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 7 1/2 per cent; nuts, square, 4c off; nuts, hexagon, 4 1/2c off; tire bolts, 6 3/4 per cent; stove bolts, 6 3/4 per cent; plough bolts, 60 per cent; stove rods, 6 1/2c. BRASS—Sheet and rod, discount 15 per cent. BUILDING PAPER—Three-ply, \$1.65 per square; do. 2-ply, \$1.40 per square, f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London. CANADA PLATES—All dull, \$3.00 per 100 lb; half-polished, \$3.15; and all bright \$3.60(\$3.75). CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.25 @ \$2.50; English do., \$3.00; Belgian, \$2.50 @ \$2.75; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25 @ \$1.50; calcined plaster, \$2.00; asbestos cement, \$2.50 per barrel. COIL CABLE—Per 1000, 1/4 in., \$8.49(\$8.50); 5/16 in., \$8.32(\$8.35); 3/8 in., \$4.35(\$4.45); 7/16 in., \$4.15(\$4.25); 1/2 in., \$4.05(\$4.10); 5/8 in., \$3.85(\$3.95); 3/4 in., \$3.60(\$3.70). COPPER—Ingots copper, 10c per lb; bolt or bar, 23 1/2c @ 25c; sheet copper, 23 @ 23 1/2c. CUT NAILS—\$2.35 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London. FENCE WIRE—7 1/2c per cent. GALVANIZED IRON—Queen's Head brand \$4.60 per 100 lb, and \$4.50 for American. GALVANIZED WIRE—Nos. 6, 7, and 8, \$3.50(\$3.55); No. 9, \$2.85(\$3.15); No. 10, \$3.06(\$3.15); No. 11, \$3.70(\$3.84); No. 12, \$3.06(\$3.30); No. 13, \$3.10(\$3.40); No. 14, \$4.10(\$4.50); No. 15, \$4.60(\$5.05); No. 16, \$4.55(\$5.55). GLASS—Star, in 100 foot boxes, under 26 in., \$4.15; 26 to 40 in., \$4.45; 41 to 50 in., \$4.85; 51 to 60 in., \$5.15; 61 to 70 in., \$5.50; double diamond under 26 in., \$6; 26 to 40 in., \$6.65; 41 to 50 in., \$7.50; 51 to 60 in., \$8.50; 61 to 70 in., \$9.50. GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$1.35 per 100 square feet. HARVEST TOOLS—50, 10 and 5 per cent. HORSE NAILS—Countersunk, 50, 10 and 10 per cent; C brand, 60 and 7 1/2 per cent; other brands, 50, 10 and 5 per cent. HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.60 f.o.b.; snowshoes, \$3.85. IRON PIPE—Black pipe—1/4 in., \$4.35; 1/2 in., \$5.25; 3/4 in., \$5.50; 1/2 in., \$3.50; 1 in., \$3.65; 1 1/4 in., \$5.15; 1 1/2 in., \$7.15; 2 in., \$8.40; 2 1/2 in., \$11.25; 3 in., \$20.95; 3 1/2 in., \$24.55; 4 in., \$30.75; 4 1/2 in., \$41.60; 5 in., \$47.35; 6 in., \$62.10; Galvanized pipe—1/2 in., \$4.90; 3/4 in., \$5.25; 1 in., \$5.55; 1 1/4 in., \$10.50; 1 1/2 in., \$12.35; 2 in., \$16.50. LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; discount, 25 per cent. OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 55c per cwt.; machinery cast 60c per cwt.; store scrap, 50c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 60c; bottom, 1 1/2c; heavy copper, 13c; coil wire scrap, 13c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10 1/2c; heavy red scrap brass, 10 1/2c; scrap lead, 3c; zinc, 2c; scrap rubber, 6c; good country mixed rags, 6 1/2c; clean dry bones, 40c per 100 lb. PIG IRON—Canadian pig, \$10. PIG LEAD—44 1/2c per lb. PIG TIN—31 1/2c per lb. POULTRY NETTING—Discount of 55 per cent. RIVETS AND BURRS—Iron, 60 and 10 per cent; iron burrs, 35 per cent; copper

rivets and burrs, 35 and 5 per cent. ROPE—Sisal, 10c; puro Manila, 13 1/2c. SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 8 1/4 and 10 per cent off list; round head, bright, 8 1/2 and 10 p.c., flat head brass, 80 and 10 per cent; round head brass 75 and 10 per cent; flat head bronze, 70 per cent; round head bronze, 65 per cent. SHEET ZINC—0 1/2c for cask lots; 6 1/2c for part casks. SHOT—Common, \$0.50 per 100 lb; chilled, \$7; bull seal and ball, \$7.50; discount, 7 per cent. SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—Nos. 6 to 8, \$2.60; No. 9, \$2.80; No. 10, \$2.87; No. 11, \$2.90. SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent. SPLITTER—5 1/2c per lb. SOLDIER—Half and half, 18 1/2c; refined, 18c; wiping, 17c. STEEL—Hoop steel, \$3.10; sleigh shoe TERNE PLATES—1. C., \$8.50; 1. N., \$10.50. TIN PLATES—Usual sizes, 1. C., \$4.15; special sizes, base, \$4.50; 20x28, \$8.50. TINNED SHEETS—28 gauge, 9 1/2c. f.o.b. Toronto and west. WIRE NAILS—Base price, \$2.77 1/2 @ \$2.83 f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CANSTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 10 @ 10 1/2c per lb, and 10 1/2c for single tin. LUM SHELLAC—In cases, 22c; in less than cases, 25c. LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 71c; boiled, 74c. LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.20 @ \$1.30 per gallon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon. PARIS WHITE—90 @ \$1.00. PARIS GREEN—Barrels, 16 1/2c; kegs, 17c; drums, 50 to 100 lb, 17 1/2c; drums, 25 lb 15c; tins, 1 lb, 19c; packages, 1 lb, 18 1/2c. PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick, \$1.00 per barrel. PUTTY—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100 lb for barrels and 4 @ 5c per lb in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb in small lots, and 8c per lb in barrels. PUTTY—Bladders in barrels, \$2.10; bladders, in 100 lb kegs, \$2.25; bulk, in barrels, \$1.90; in less quantities, \$2.05. RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 500 lb, \$5.50, ditto, in less of 100 lb, \$5.75; No. 1 in casks of 50 lb, \$5.00, do., kegs of 100 lb, \$5.25. REFINED OIL—American water white, 16 1/2 @ 17c in barrels, Sarnia water white, 15 1/2 @ 16c in barrels; Sarnia prime 14 1/2 @ 15c in barrels. SEAL OIL—\$4c per gallon, and yellow seal at 4 1/2c. TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 54c; 2 to 4 barrels lots, 53c. WHITING—70c per 100 lb, gliders' whitening, 80c. WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.75 @ \$7; No. 1, \$6; No. 2, \$5.67 1/2; No. 3, \$5.25; No. 4, \$4.87 1/2; dry white lead, in casks, \$5.57 1/2c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, April 22.—Wheat, May opened 71 1/2, high 72 1/2, low 71 1/2, close 72 1/2c. Corn, May opened 47 1/2, high 47 1/2, low 47 1/2, close 48c. Oats, May opened 25 1/2, high 26, low 25 1/2, close 25 3/4c. Pork, May opened at \$14.37, close \$14.42. Lard, May opened \$8.07, close \$8.15 July open \$8.02, close \$8.02. Ribs, July open \$7.95, close \$7.92. Chicago, April 23.—Wheat, May opened 72, high 72 1/2, low 71 1/2, close 72 1/2c. Corn, May opened 46, high 47, low 46 1/2, close 46 3/4c. Oats, May opened 25 1/2, high 25 1/2, low 25 1/2, close 25 3/4c. Pork, May opened \$14.42, high \$14.42, low \$14.27, close \$14.30. Lard, May opened \$8.12, high \$8.10, low \$8.10. Ribs, May opened \$8.15, close \$8.12 @ \$8.15. Chicago, April 24.—Wheat, May opened 71 1/2, close 72 1/2c. Corn, May opened 46 1/2, close 48c. Oats, May opened 25 1/2, close at 25 1/2c. Lard, May opened \$14.22, close at \$14.52. Lard, May close \$8.15. Chicago, April 25.—Wheat, May opened 72, high 72 1/2, low 72, close 72 1/2c. Corn, May opened 47 1/2, high 49, low 47 1/2, close 48c. Oats, May opened 26 1/2, high 26 1/2, low 26 1/2, close 26 3/4c. Pork, May opened \$14.37, close \$14.45. Lard, May opened \$8.22 1/2, close \$8.20. Ribs, May opened \$8.25, close \$8.25. Flux, cash close \$1.62. Hye, May close at 30 1/2c. Chicago, April 26.—Wheat, May opened 72 1/2, high 73 1/2, low 72, close 73c. Corn, May opened 48, high 48 1/2, low 48, close 48 1/2c. Oats, May opened 26 1/2, high 26 1/2, low 26 1/2, close 26 3/4c. Pork, May opened \$14.42, high \$14.42, low \$14.40, close \$14.40. Lard, May opened \$8.20, close \$8.17. Ribs, May opened \$8.25, close \$8.22. Chicago, April 27.—May wheat opened at 73 1/2c and ranged from 73 1/2 to 74 1/2c. Closing prices were: Wheat—April 7 1/2c, May 7 1/2c-1 1/2c. Corn—April 4 1/2c, May 4 1/2c. Oats—April 2 1/2c-2 1/2c, May 2 1/2c-2 1/2c. Pork—May \$14.50, July \$14.67. Lard—May \$8.15, July \$8.05. Ribs—May \$8.22, July \$7.95-97. A week ago May wheat closed at 71c. A year ago May wheat closed at 65 1/2c; two years ago at 71 1/2c; three years ago at \$1.20 1/2c, four years ago at 71 1/2c, five years ago at 59 1/2c; six years ago at 61 1/2c. The New England Tobacco Growers' Association has made a plea before the United States supreme court against free trade with Porto Rico and the Philippines, as detrimental to home growers' interests.

New York Wheat. New York, April 22.—Wheat, May open 75 1/2, high 76 1/2, low 75 1/2, close 76 1/2c. New York, April 23.—Wheat, May open at 75 1/2, high 76 1/2, low 75 1/2, close 75 1/2c. New York, April 24.—Wheat, May opened 75 1/2, close 75 1/2c. New York, April 25.—Wheat, May open 76 1/2, high 76 1/2, low 75 1/2, close 80c. New York, April 26.—Wheat, May open 80 1/2, close 80 1/2c. New York, April 27.—May wheat closed at 81 1/2c; July at 80 1/2c.

Minneapolis Wheat. Minneapolis, April 22.—Wheat, May open 71 1/2, high 72, low 71 1/2, close 72c. Minneapolis, April 23.—Wheat, May open 71 1/2, high 72, low 71 1/2, close 71 1/2c. Minneapolis, April 24.—Wheat, May open 71 1/2, close 71 1/2c. Minneapolis, April 25.—Wheat, May open 71 1/2, high 72 1/2, low 71 1/2, close 72 1/2c. Minneapolis, April 26.—Wheat, May open 72 1/2, close 73c. Minneapolis, April 27.—Wheat closed at 74 1/2c for May option, July at 75 1/2c. Cash No. 1 hard wheat closed at 77 1/2c. No. 1 northern at 75 1/2c.

Duluth Wheat. Duluth, April 22.—Wheat, May open 72 1/2, high 73 1/2, low 72 1/2, close 73 1/2c. No. 1 hard 75 1/2c. No. 1 northern 73 1/2c. Duluth, April 23.—Wheat, May open 73 1/2, high 73 1/2, low 72 1/2, close 72 1/2c. No. 1 Duluth, April 24.—Wheat, May open at 73 1/2, close 74 1/2c. No. 1 hard 75 1/2c. No. 1 northern 73 1/2c. Duluth, April 25.—Wheat, May open 73 1/2, high 74 1/2, low 73 1/2, close 74 1/2c. No. 1 hard 75 1/2c. No. 1 northern 73 1/2c. Duluth, April 26.—Wheat, May opened 74 1/2, high 74 1/2, low 74 1/2, close 75c. No. 1 northern 71 1/2c. Duluth, April 27.—May option closed at 76c for No. 1 northern wheat, July at 76 1/2c. Cash No. 1 hard closed to-day at 77 1/2c and cash No. 1 northern at 75 1/2c. A week ago May option closed at 72 1/2c. A year ago May option closed at 66 1/2c, two years ago at 72 1/2c; three years ago at \$1.10 1/2c, four years ago at 73c, five years ago at 61 1/2c; six years ago at 67c.

Liverpool. Liverpool, April 27.—Wheat closed to-day at 5s 11d to 11 1/2d per cwtal for May option, an advance of 3/4d to

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT. No. 3 hard closed to-day at 69c, Fort William, and No. 1 hard at 81c, an advance of 1 1/2c over yesterday's close. Trading is a little more active.

The Northern Elevator Company is offering flax seed from Argentina to the farmers of Manitoba for seed purposes. The sample is to all appearances a fine one, but should be thoroughly cleaned before being used as it appears to contain some seeds of other plants. These are now being examined by an expert here to determine their variety and character. The price being asked for the seed is \$3.00 per bushel, Winnipeg.

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Winnipeg Prices, Patents, Oils Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, \$0.00; Miralio, do., \$0.50. BKNZINE—Case, \$3.50. DYE COLORS—White lead, lb, 7 1/2c red lead, kegs, 7c; yellow ochre in barrel lots 2 1/2c, less than barrel lots, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian red, barrels, 8c; less than barrels, 9c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2 1/2c, less than barrels, 3c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3 1/2c, less quantities, 4c lb.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, \$3; naphtha, \$2.90. GLASS—Single glass, first break, 10 to 25 united inches, \$2.50; 20 to 40, \$2.75; 40 to 60 feet boxes; 40 to 50, \$3; 50 to 60, \$3.50; 60 to 70, \$4; per 100 feet boxes. LINSSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 68c; boiled, gal., 81c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal, extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30 1/2c; cylinder oil, 33 1/2c; as to quality; castor oil, 1 1/2c per lb.; tannin's or harness oil, 5c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gal. PREPARED PAINTS—Pure liquid colors, gal., \$1.30 to \$1.90, as to shade and quality. PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb; in 100b kegs, 2 1/2c; do. less than barrel, 3c lb.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Silver Star, 10c; Oleophene, 21c; Sunlight, 22c; Eocene, 24c per gallon; Diamond, 25 1/2c; T. & P., 24c; Solar, 22c; Brilliant, 21 1/2c per gal. in barrels. T. & P., cases, \$2.75; Solar, case, \$2.55.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 43c; less than barrels, 48c per gal. An additional charge for packages of small quantities.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.25; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50; \$1.75, hard oil finish, \$1.50; \$2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold size Japan, \$1.70; coach painters' do., \$2 to \$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, \$2.00; pure orange shellac, \$2.25.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, \$7.00 per 100lb; No. 1, \$6.50. WHITING—\$1.25 per 100lb gross weight.

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Following is a list of the prices now being paid by responsible fur buyers in Winnipeg for consignments of furs from all parts of the west:

Table with columns 'From' and 'To' showing fur prices. Includes items like Badger, Bear, Fox, Lynx, Marten, Mink, Musquash, Skunk, Wolf, Wolverine.

The above prices are for prime skins only, and vary according to size and color.

WINNIPEG PRICES CURRENT

Main price list table with columns: GROCERIES, Dried Fruits, Tobacco, DRUGS, and various other goods like Canned Goods, Syrups, Meats, etc.

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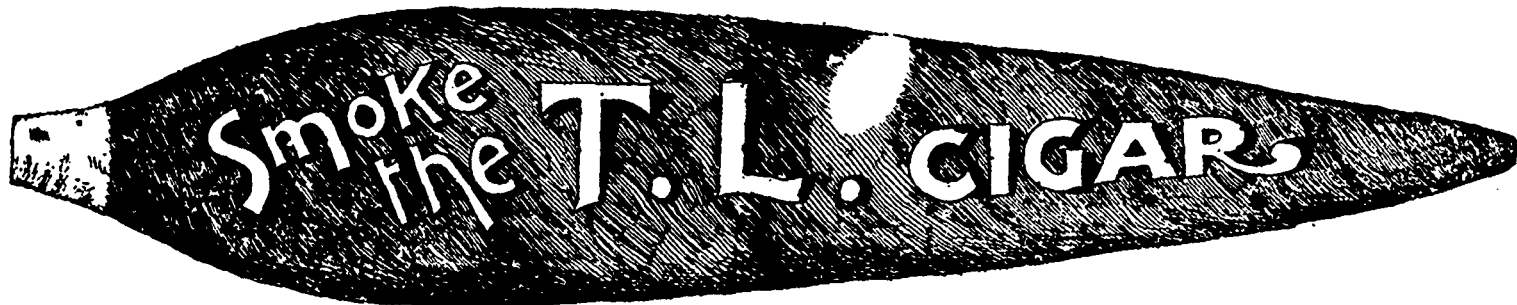
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**THE GROCERY TRADE.**

**THE CURRANT SITUATION.**

In connection with currants, Hancock & Wood write from Patras, under late date, as follows: "In our report dated October 2 we anticipated that the comparatively small stock of currants remaining on this side, and awaiting export from Patras, would have all been shipped off before the end of November. The course of events has falsified our predictions, for we find ourselves, after a lapse of six months, with 5,000 tons of currants still in Greece. The crop of 1900 would have proved greater than our estimate of 40,000 tons, plus about 7,000 tons which had remained over from the preceding season; but the very high level to which prices were raised by the speculators in the United Kingdom has interfered with consumption, in all parts of the world to an unexpected extent, and with direful results to the trade in general. By the end of September last prices, stimulated by a constant speculative demand from abroad, had reached the unprecedented figures of 30s 1/2 f. o. b. for average quality up to 7 1/2 f. o. b. for the finer descriptions of currants, and growers and dealers in this country who, notwithstanding the extreme shortness of the crop, never dreamt that such rates would have been obtainable, sold away as fast as they could; by the middle of October it became apparent that consumers were beginning to appear in Greece, and the speculative lead, and since then the market has gradually relapsed from dullness into a state of regular stagnation, and prices have declined fully 50 per cent. The United Kingdom holds considerable stocks of high-quality currants, and it is quite unwilling to operate, and in the United States and other countries, even at present rates, the consumption seems reduced to a minimum. Only Holland and Germany, which had been holding a stock of 10,000 tons have taken some 4,000 tons during the last six months, at prices ranging from 21s to 34s f.o.b.

"The stock of currants in Greece at present consists of about 5,000 tons of which some 1,500 tons are fine Gulf and Vozitsa, 2,000 tons good average Provincial, and 1,500 tons are low fruit not fit for export. Prices range from 21s for good average Provincial to 30s to 32s f.o.b. for the finest growths. It is yet too early to say anything respecting the prospects of the growing crop, as the currant vines are only just coming into bud; but notwithstanding the enormous loss caused to some extent by the "black" disease, cultivation has been extensively carried on, and with the assistance of the currant bank even the neediest growers will be able to spray their vineyards with solution of sulphate of copper, now that it is that the malady, even under adverse weather conditions, may be arrested to a great extent; but this, of course, remains to be seen, as we are going through a new experience. Shipments ascertained to date, as compared with last year's, are as follows:

	1901.	1900.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
London . . . . .	10,121	25,016
Liverpool . . . . .	16,082	26,150
Outports . . . . .	2,536	16,545
United States . . . . .	3,780	15,020
Canada . . . . .	410	1,780
France . . . . .	39	1,264
Germany, Belgium, Holland and Austria . . . . .	3,226	20,145
Australia . . . . .	3,000	4,410
Total . . . . .	43,240	106,700

**Grocery Trade Notes.**

The Macpherson Fruit Company, of Winnipeg, has a carload of coconuts now on the way direct from Jamaica. In sympathy with the strength in raw sugar in the New York market refiners there advanced prices for refined 10c per 100, on all grades last week.

Fruit growers throughout North Pacific states and Idaho are feeling confident of a good fruit crop this season. Indications are that apples and prunes will be especially plentiful.

One independent canner has announced opening prices on Columbia river salmon for June and July delivery at about 10 cents lower than the opening figures named a year ago by independents, and it is expected this will influence the opening price named by the association.

It is said that the Southern California Fruit Association spent \$20,000 in educating the buying public to an

increased use of prunes, but the effect of this education was not extensive enough to clean up the overstock of prunes at good prices. Prunes, apples, pears and apricots were too plentiful in California last season to permit of good prices.

The canned salmon into the United Kingdom during the three months ending March 31 were 355,353 cases, compared with 350,887 cases last year and 500,076 cases in 1899. Imports during the month of March were 342,751 cases, against 191,520 cases in March of last year.

Mr. Albert's late advices from Sully state: "The spot market is without interest. Quotations are nominally 50s, but with no business passing. For future delivery the article is just beginning to awaken some interest, but nothing of importance has been done yet. For October shipment 40s 1/2 is quoted per bag of 100 kilos f.o.b."

Referring to Sultana raisins Liverpool mail advices state: "There is little or no change to report. The apathy from which these raisins have so long suffered still continues, and in spite of this the bulk of the stock is held for many months to come. It is rather rather above the market. Some sales have transpired in fair to good quality at 42s to 45s, with fine up to 50s, the comparatively small proportion offering at these prices being quite sufficient to meet the demand as it arises.

It is expected that the first car lot of strawberries will be received in Minneapolis about May 1st and prices will be much lower thereafter. The crop in some of the more southern districts was a partial failure and shipments had, therefore, to be made in small lots by express, which added greatly to the cost, but Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri will soon be in a position to ship by freight in car lots, which will reduce transportation charges so that strawberries should soon be selling at moderate prices.

**THE HARDWARE TRADE.**

**CONDITIONS IN THE GERMAN IRON TRADE.**

Berlin correspondence of the Journal of Commerce shows that in the last half of 1900 the price of wrought iron bars in Germany fell 40 per cent., and quotations for open-hearth bars receded 35 per cent., while steel rails dropped 25 per cent. A year or so ago, under the influence of the "boom," German furnace men entered into long contracts for pig iron at high prices. Fifty marks a ton is what some of them are estimated to be losing in selling their products at the present prices. They have appealed to the blast-furnace and the coal and coke syndicates for relief. The latter have refused, and rather than drop their prices they are reducing production. The furnace men say they cannot grant concessions as the fuel men will not. The ore syndicates also reduce production rather than prices. The rolling mills and factories are working the foreign markets as hard as they can, and, like our own, are selling abroad much cheaper than at home; the wire nail syndicate has been selling abroad at 213 marks and at home for 326 marks. The material men have, in some cases, granted rebates on exports. Concern that control the whole process from coke to finished product are making some profit, and rolling mills that had not bought far ahead can buy English iron on the decline, but a larger part

of the German iron trade is in a critical condition on account of the sub-

**Hardware Trade Notes.**

Iron pipe continues to advance in price.

Lined oil has declined 3c at Montreal.

Sleighshoe steel is quoted 10c higher in the east, and bar iron 9c per 100 pounds higher.

Railway construction materials have been in big demand at all American manufacturing centers during the past few weeks.

Advices from Pittsburg say that orders are now on file in the various foundries of that city for upwards of 2,000,000 tons of steel rails. An advance in prices is expected.

Scrap iron and metals are in big demand at Pittsburg and other United States centers. Old steel rails are now quoted at \$17 to \$17.50 per ton there and cast iron scrap at \$14.25 to \$14.50 per ton.

The Canada Horse Nail Co. announce that they have removed the restrictions imposed by them as to the selling price of their goods, until the situation is different to that which exists at present.

At the last session of the Minnesota legislature a law was passed defining the ingredients to be used in the manufacture of mixed paints and prohibiting the sale of any other paints unless the can or package be labelled "adulterated."

United States window glass manufacturers have decided that their present enormous profits on glass are not enough to satisfy them and accordingly another advance of 20 per cent. in prices is to be made, 10 per cent. on the first of May and 10 per cent. on the first of June.

The Montreal hardware market is reported to be in an active condition at present. Wholesale houses are very busy. Manufacturing concerns have orders booked for months ahead. Prices hold firm as a rule, although butts and hinges are slightly lower than last year and unseed oil is stronger.

The American Window Glass Co. and others in the United States Association are endeavoring to get all the factories to close on May 11th. It is expected that most of the independents outside of the association will close about that date and there will be no production during the summer. This will have a strong effect on prices in mid-summer.

The International Steel Iron and Pipe Co., has been formed to locate im-

mense steel mills at Sault Ste. Marie, both on the Canadian and American sides, with a capacity of 400,000 tons annually and employing about 10,000 men. The Consolidated Lake Superior Power Company, of which Mr. Clurgue is vice-president, it is understood will take a large block of the \$50,000,000 stock of the new company. As an outcome of the establishing of a steel works at the Soo it is said that a blast furnace will be established in Detroit with a capacity of 1,000 tons of pig iron per day, employing 1,000 men. It was intimated by those interested that the new company would be an active competitor of the recent steel combine in the United States.

The city of Montreal paid out over \$2,000 last year for damages of various kinds, mostly resulting from failure to enforce its own by-laws.

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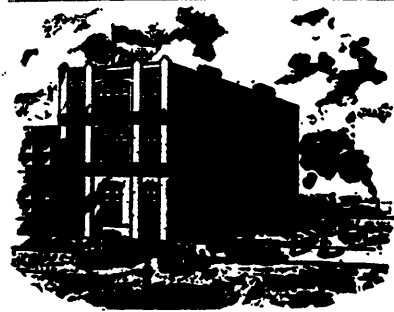
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Boot and Shoe Trade Notes.

A serious fire broke out last week at the boot and shoe factory of Labeur, Clement & Decarie at St. Henri, and from there spread to Boulton's carriage factory. Both places were completely destroyed. The damage will amount to \$60,000 with small insurance.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The creamery at Manitou, Man., which has been closed for the past two seasons, will be operated this summer. T. T. Gadd is going to be in charge.

It is stated by a good authority that stocks of white cheese in Montreal have been about cleaned up the prices at which final transactions took place being about 9 1/4%. Colored goods are still offering freely for which offers of 9c to 9 1/2% are being made.

Receipts of dairy butter at Montreal have been large this week and the quality none too good, consequently, prices ruled lower for both creamery and dairy the fore part of the week.

Lumber Trade Notes

One mill at West Duluth started sawing on the 10th inst. and it is expected that all the mills in that locality will be running by the end of April.

Reports from the coast indicate that shingle mills are having difficulty in filling orders, but it is not expected that any further advance in prices will be made in the near future.

R. Shearer, head of the retail lumber firm of R. Shearer & Son, Melita, who has been ailing for some time, died on Friday last at his residence in Melita. He was one of the well-to-do men of that town, and will be greatly missed.

D. C. Cameron, president of the Hat Portage Lumber Company, was in Winnipeg last week. Speaking of the lumber cut during the winter he stated that his company had got out 50,000,000 feet of logs on their Minnesota limits. He says that in all probability his company will build a mill on the Rainy river if the railway deal goes through, but, "come what may, a mill will be built in Winnipeg to saw between 25,000,000 and 30,000,000 feet a season."

Reports from the United States state that the hardwood market has shown more activity of late and that authorities on this subject are inclined to think that the era of low prices has passed and that from now on there will be a gradual toning up of the whole market. Orders are still mostly for small lots, as the manufacturers have large and well assorted stocks which they carried over from last year but it is only a matter of time until these will become depleted and a better movement will result. A fair movement is reported in all kinds of oak. Quartered white oak is still fairly low in price and buyers regard it as a good investment at present. Plain red oak of southern growth is now about the best seller in the market; offerings of both red and white being readily absorbed by the trade.

A United States consular agent writing from Shanghai under date of Feb. 25, says there is an excellent opening for the establishment of a sash, door and wood-working establishment in that city, where a large number of modern buildings are always in course of construction and where architects constantly have difficulty about interior finish. He says that there is not a planer or molding machine in China, as far as he has been able to learn. Neither is there a lumber dry kiln, and a difficult problem is to secure well seasoned material. He says that a properly equipped and managed wood-working establishment at Shanghai would command the trade of the entire Yangtze valley and probably of points along the coast to the north. A part of the plant should be a good band saw mill for cutting native logs and resawing imported timber.—American Lumberman.

Grain and Milling Notes.

A vessel is now being loaded at an Ontario port with 50,000 bushels of oats for shipment to Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange Clearing Association is applying to the provincial government for a charter.

Twenty carloads of flour were this week shipped from the Hudson's Bay Company's mill at Winnipeg to England. A large portion of this will be transhipped in London on board the company's vessels for ports along Hudson's Bay.

A Montreal dispatch says J. A.

Jamieson has closed a contract with the Canadian Northern Railway company for the construction of the proposed elevator at Port Arthur, having a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels, and costing in the neighborhood of \$300,000. Work will begin at once.

E. L. Drewry, brewer, Winnipeg, is offering to supply farmers throughout the west with seed barley of choicest Ontario grade at 65c per bushel, Winnipeg. As the barley grown in Manitoba last year was not up to the usual standard and the crop was a very small one this proposition will no doubt be largely taken advantage of.

The Modern Miller says:—"The insect that has done much damage to wheat in Northern Texas has appeared in Oklahoma, the territory in parts of Kansas where some damage has already been reported. From other sections of the winter wheat belt the reports are quite favorable, there having been an abundance of moisture, with the temperature below the normal for this season of the year, which is propitious for the crop, as it lessens the perils of the Hessian fly. The crops in California are showing effects of continued drought."

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Table showing stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation as reported as follows: Montreal 137,000; Toronto 68,000; Coteau, Que. 14,000; Depot Harbor, Ont. 50,000; Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin 2,905,000; Winnipeg 483,000; Manitoba elevators 1,650,000.

Summary of wheat statistics for April: Total April 4,407,000; Total previous week 5,254,000; Total a year ago 3,354,000.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS. Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's April 13, were 75,573,000 bushels, as against 68,067,000 bushels the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 75,840,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on April 1 were 8,325,000 bushels.

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 20 was 49,868,000 bushels, being a decrease of 2,005,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 54,814,000 bushels, two years ago 29,179,000 bushels, three years ago 25,914,000 bushels, four years ago 36,201,000 bushels, five years ago 37,946,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN. The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 10,911,000 bushels, compared with 7,301,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 21,328,000 bushels, compared with 21,114,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

Table showing world's wheat stocks in bushels for years 1901 to 1895, with values ranging from 161,000,000 to 181,000,000.

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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Table comparing crop movement for Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Duluth, and Chicago, showing receipts for 'This Crop' and 'Last Crop'.

Total receipts for the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Table comparing crop movement for Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit, and Kansas City, showing receipts for 'This Crop' and 'Last Crop'.

Total receipts for the four principal United States spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

Table comparing crop movement for Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit, and Kansas City, showing receipts for 'This Crop' and 'Last Crop'.

The Chicago hide market is firmer and some think that prices would advance if the quality of offerings were better. No. 1 buffs are quoted at 7 1/2%.

The strike of marine engineers on the great lakes is going to curtail early shipments of coal from Buffalo to western ports.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year: Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 67 1/2% Fort William for cash. Flour—Local price per sack Patent, \$1.95, best bakers, \$1.85 to \$1.75. Oatmeal—\$1.65 per 80 lb sack, to the retail trade.

Millicuffs—Bran, \$14.50 per ton; shorts, \$10.50, delivered to city dealers. Oats—Carlots on track, 2 3/4% discount, according to quality.

Barley—35 to 36c per bushel for milting and feed grades. Country wheat—52 to 54c per bushel, according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.

Corn—In carlots, 48c per bushels of 50 lb. Flax—\$1.50 per bushel. Butter—Dairy, 16 to 20c per lb for best grades, creamery, 24c per lb. to the retail trade.

Cheese—Regular sizes, 14 to 14 1/2c to the retail trade. Eggs—10c for Manitoba fresh, Jess ex pressage.

Hides—No. 1 hides, 7c per lb. Wool—8 to 9c for unwashed fleece. Seneca Root—28c per bushel. Hay—Baled, \$5 to \$5.50 per ton on cars. Potatoes—45 to 50c per bushel for farm use loads.

Poultry—Turkeys, 11c per lb.; chickens, 11c, ducks, 10c, and geese 9c per lb. Live chickens, 6c per pair. Dressed Meats—Beef, 6 1/2% to 7%; fresh mutton, 10 1/2% to 11%; frozen mutton, 8 1/2% per lb.

Live Stock—Cattle, 2 3/4% to 3%; as to grade, sheep, 4 1/2% to 5%; hogs, \$16 to \$17 per cwt. off cars; according to quality.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

Table comparing prices of staples at New York for April 19, 1901 and April 20, 1900. Items include Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Cotton, etc.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 2,432,435 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 20. Receipts for the week were 61,000 bushels and shipments were 36,230 bushels. A year ago stocks in store Fort William were 4,031,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points are estimated approximately at 4,438,000 bushels, compared with 5,878,000 bushels a year ago, 10,000,000 bushels two years ago, and 6,338,000 three years ago. 8,000,000 bushels four years ago, and 3,000,000 five years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending April 21 there were 160 cars of grain inspected which graded as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 14; 2 hard, 13; 3 hard, 39; 1 white rye, 0; 2 northern, 0; rejected, 2; no grade, 57; condemned, 2 cars. Oats—No. 2 white, 1; 2 mixed, 3; no grade, 2; rejected, 0; feed, 3 cars. Barley—None. Flax Seed—None.

For the corresponding week of last year there were 282 cars of grain inspected, of which 155 graded I hard.

Seed Oats.

With the controversy about the relative value of oats from different sections, for seed purposes, The Commercial has nothing to do. The fact remains, however, that considerable quantities of oats offered this spring are unfit for seed. The cause of this is the excessive rains of last harvest.

In some sections also there were heavy snow storms, which soaked the grain before it was threshed. The repeated soakings injured the germinating quality of a considerable portion of last year's crop. Some of the oats offered have been dried by artificial process, which has also injured their germinating quality, though probably for seed purposes they are not reduced in value thereby. Some sections suffered more from rain and snow than

others, and oats from such sections will show poorer germinating quality than from districts where there was less rain. What we wish to set forth is, that no oats should be used for seed until they are tested. Farmers should sow a small quantity of the grain they propose using for seed, and note what percentage of it grows. If under 50 per cent germinates, it is hardly fit for seed. Good seed grain will show a much higher germinating average even than this.

Work on the C. P. R. extension from Selkirk to Gimli is to be proceeded with at once.

J. McEvoy, of the Dominion geological survey, estimates the possible workable Crow's Nest coal at 22,000,000 tons.

The Dominion minister of militia states that the government cartridge factory at Quebec would be able by July 1 to manufacture shells. He had reason to believe that a small arms manufactory will shortly be started in Canada and that a government order would be of material assistance in helping to get it established.

It is reported that a deal is now pending for the amalgamation of five of the largest stationary engine manufacturing companies in the United States, the capital to be about \$25,000,000. The companies which are expected to be included in the new corporation are: The E. P. Allis Company, of Milwaukee, the Pennsylvania Iron Works, of Philadelphia; the Gates Iron Works Company, of Chicago; the Fraser & Chalmers Company, of Chicago, and the Dixon Manufacturing Co., of Scranton, Pa.



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## DUTY ON SUGAR.

## British Budget Statement

London, April 18.—The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, rose in the House today at 4.18 p.m., amidst rounds of cheers, and commenced the budget statement. His opening sentence was not promising.

"During the last five years," said the chancellor, "we have been invariably able to congratulate the House on a general increase in the prosperity of the country, but the year 1900, especially the last six months, showed symptoms of a change. Our foreign trade during the year considerably increased, but in values rather than volume. This has been mainly derived from the high prices of certain articles, notably coal, which, naturally, must have injured important industries, especially railways. Nevertheless, the revenue for the past year had shown no signs of decrease and the exchequer receipts showed a surplus of £2,865,000 over the estimates."

He was bound to say, however, that the excess had been due to forestallment on dutiable articles. But for this his estimates would not have been realized. Much could be said for and against forestallment but it was an unmitigated nuisance to financial statisticians. The forestallment of 1899-1900 amounted to £3,250,000, which properly belonged to the revenue of last year. The forestallment of the past year somewhat exceeded the previous year. He would say that the consuming power of the people was maintained but there was no material evidence of the expansion of that power beyond what was fairly attributable to increase of population.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach then proceeded to review the various items of revenue, mentioning that the revenue from beer was £4,000,000 less than the estimate. "That decrease," said the chancellor of the exchequer, "is probably attributable to the fact that very many beer-drinkers are in South Africa, and also to the decrease in the spending power of the people owing to the high price of coal. Experience has shown that we have practically reached the limit in the profitable taxation of spirits. The receipts from the death duties were £1,500,000 below those of the preceding year, but he had better expectations for next year."

The prolongation of the war and the absence of business on the stock exchange were responsible for the unsatisfactory yield from stamps. In noting that the yield from the income tax was £1,150,000 above the estimate, the chancellor of the exchequer remarked that in twelve years the incomes on which taxation had been paid had been increased by no less than £120,000,000, a fact that he hoped the House would remember when he reached a later part of his speech. The only points of the revenue which he need touch upon were the exceptional receipts owing to the mint, to silver coinage, and to the telegraph receipts, which compared very favorably with the expenditure.

The total receipts amounted to £130,385,000 and the expenditures to £187,592,000, of which £15,000,000 was for the war in South Africa and £3,000,000 for China.

The expenditure for 1901-1902, according to a parliamentary paper issued this afternoon, totals £187,602,000, inclusive of war charges, an increase of £32,901,000 over last year.

The deficit, £53,207,000, showed that they had paid £15,413,000 out of the revenue for the cost of the war. The total amount provided by the state last year aggregated the enormous sum of £198,316,000.

As to the national debt, said the chancellor of the exchequer, it stands in painful contrast with last year. The funded debt had decreased by £1,125,000. On April 1 the national debt had stood at £687,500,000, an increase of £55,000,000, on account of the war. Turning to the present year the chancellor of the exchequer said that the total estimated expenditure was £187,600,000. On the existing basis it was estimated that the revenue would be £132,255,000, leaving a deficit of about £55,000,000.

"How is this deficit to be met?" said Sir Michael.

"I will never be responsible for the fatal policy of paying the whole cost of the war out of loans, without put-

ting a reasonable amount on the taxpayers of the day. The real difficulty, however, is not so much the cost of the war in South Africa as the operations in China, as they will increase our ordinary expenditure even if the war comes to an end within three or four months (this statement caused cheering from the Irish members), or sooner than the honorable members suppose.

Our ordinary expenditure would not permit of the remittance of the additional taxation proposed for war purposes last year. It therefore becomes necessary to put our expenditure on a broader basis. The country has reached a point when it is necessary to widen the scope of taxation, but direct taxpayers must bear their share of the burden. I propose that two pence shall be added to the income tax, making one shilling and two pence in the pound. The extra two pence will realize £3,800,000. There will be no addition to the beer, wine, tea, spirits or tobacco duties. I am disposed to impose a customs duty on manufactured imported goods, as suggested by Sir Howard Vincent.

"The average consumption of sugar is fifty-six pounds per head. Sugar is taxed in every other community in Europe and is taxed in the United States. In this country taxes remained on sugar long after the institution of free trade. What I propose is not a protective duty, but an adequate public necessity has arisen for some duty of which the laboring classes should bear a fair share. The effect of my proposals on the price of sugar is doubtful, as the price of sugar is governed by the bounty system.

The great bulk of the imports of sugar comes from bounty giving countries. The bounty system is that a country giving a bounty encourages production within its borders and at the same time does its best to restrict consumption by its own people by every possible means. The result is that there is an enormous surplus which has to find a foreign market and this country, under the present circumstances, is the only market. Therefore it is quite conceivable, unless of course, the bounty giving countries either reduce the area of their sugar production or lower their own duties on sugar for the benefit of their own population both of which actions would mean the abolition of the bounty system, that the result of the new tax although at first the price might rise and consumption, consequently, be reduced, would be that there would be such an inflow into this country of bounty fed sugar unable to go elsewhere that the price might be brought down. Again, I do not believe the duty will injure manufacturers using sugar, to anything like the extent feared. Of course, provision will be made for imposing a duty on manufactured articles from foreign countries coming into competition with the home article. I have endeavored to reconcile conflicting interests. Nothing must be done to protect the British refiner to the disadvantage of the British consumer. But on the other hand, fair play must be given to the British refiner as compared with his continental rival. The refiner of beet sugar must not be favored as against the refiner of cane sugar, or vice versa."

"I propose a duty on refined sugar of four shillings and two pence a hundredweight. A half penny per pound would be four shillings and eight pence, so a margin of six pence is left to cover the customs handling and other expenses. There is therefore no reason why a tax of four shillings and two pence should increase the retail price more than a half penny per pound.

"The graduated scale of taxation will be as follows: Refined sugar, which is polarized at 98 and upwards and which represents two-thirds of the total imports, would pay the full tax. This will diminish to a minimum of two shillings per hundred weight on raw sugar polarized at 70. This scale is only tentative and I am perfectly willing to listen to criticism and the benefit of experience and better knowledge.

"Molasses in which are included the grocery syrups consumed largely by the poor, pay two shillings per hundredweight; and glucose, of which a great deal has been heard lately and is in the manufacture of jams and aerated waters, will have to bear a tax of one shilling and eight pence. I anticipate a yield of £5,100,000 from this tax. The West Indies will not be exempt.

"My next proposal is a novel one, unknown in this country for forty-

five years. It is an export duty of a shilling a ton on coal. In aiming to secure a revenue from coal, I am not sacrificing trade. The imposition of a shilling, which is infinitely less than the fluctuations in price, will do no real injury to the coal trade, even supposing that the export of coal is checked. I am not sure that even that result will be an evil. From this source, I expect £2,100,000, an aggregate of £11,000,000 from new taxation. "My final balance sheet will be from taxation, a revenue of £12,200,000; from non taxation £21,035,000, a total of £143,255,000. I propose to reduce the expenditure by again suspending the sinking fund to £182,000,000. This shows a deficit of £39,707,000, to which must be added £1,250,000 for the fresh debt I have to borrow. I must ask the House to give me borrowing power considerably in excess of this deficit of £41,000,000. In order to finance the exchequer I ask power to borrow £60,000,000 by means of consols.

"As to obtaining contributions from the Transvaal, Sir David Barbour's reports are not encouraging at present. I think the House will see the war has brought that country to the verge of ruin. (Opposition cheers greeted this remark.) This can no longer be considered. The small war has cost the country £41,000,000, double the cost of the Crimean war. There was £67,000,000 of the unfunded debt redeemable within the next ten years.

"I have tried to put before the house a true account of our finances, for the present and immediate future. In our time no chancellor of the exchequer has had so difficult a task, nor had a more indulgent audience. I have not laid proposals before the house with the view of gaining transient popularity, but I have endeavored to establish a principal of contribution by the whole community to the burdens of the state."

## Manager Whyte Interviewed.

Montreal, April 20.—William Whyte, manager of the western lines of the Canadian Pacific railway, with headquarters at Winnipeg, who has been in the city for a few days attending the conference of the officials of the road, speaking of the company's intentions said that during the summer some branch lines would be built, one of the most important being a road from the city of Winnipeg to a spot on the shores of Lake Winnipeg. The present railway to Selkirk will be extended a little over twenty miles, the objective point being already named Winnipeg Beach.

As to the double tracking of the main line between Fort William and Winnipeg Mr. Whyte stated that with the grades, which were becoming easier every year, with curves constantly being straightened, with new and more powerful locomotives, and the greater part of the road being relaid with 80-pound rails, this favorable state of things met the requirements of the traffic almost as well as if the line was really doubled from Lake Superior to Winnipeg.

Mr. Whyte referring to the crop prospects said that already fully 50 per cent. of the seeding had been accomplished. If the fine weather had continued, in the greater part of Manitoba and the Territories, the seed wheat would have been in the ground by this time. He also stated that the acreage would be at least 10 per cent. greater this year than ever before. Western Canada, he added, is becoming more and more popular as a field for immigrants, and so great is the rush for the Edmonton district that Mr. Whyte says they have to send in two trains daily to carry the settlers and their effects.

Speaking of the proposed silver lead refinery advocated by the recent delegation to Ottawa of mining business men from the Pacific province, Mr. Whyte expressed the hope that the ministers would see their way clear to grant the prayer of the gentlemen from the west.

## Crow's Nest Coal.

Mr. Robert Jaffray, of Toronto, president of the Toronto Globe Co., and vice-president of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., arrived in the city on Sunday on his way home after a visit to the west, where he has been looking over the Crow's Nest Pass coal properties in which he is interested. Mr. Jaffray was seen on Sunday at the Clarendon and in the course of an interview stated that

he was very well pleased with what he had seen at the Crow's Nest. Everything there is progressing nicely with the coal mining operations and he was gratified with the prospect for an increased output of coal. The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.'s undertakings are already quite extensive as the men employed by the company itself and the contractors working for the company now number about one thousand and the monthly pay roll approximates about \$40,000. The company is now carrying on operations at three different points in the coal fields—Coal Creek, or Fernie, Morrissey Creek, and Michel. Coal is being shipped from Fernie and Michel at the rate of 70 or 80 carloads a day and this amount will probably be increased shortly. As yet, development work only is being done at Morrissey Creek, but it is expected that shipments will soon begin from this point also. The output will be increased gradually and Mr. Jaffray anticipates that within four or five years it will reach a daily total of nine or ten thousand tons. At present the output is about seventeen hundred tons per day. The company is also making a feature of the manufacture of coke and at Fernie there are now 312 coke ovens finished and in use; it is expected to increase this number to about 500 during the year. Preparations are being made for the construction of 100 ovens at Michel this year and one or two hundred at Morrissey. The season in which these ovens can be erected is short, lasting only from May until November, and there are difficulties with regard to freight and labor to be overcome, but Mr. Jaffray expects to have 1,000 coke ovens ready and in use by the time the new railway gets in.

Regarding the new railway, he said that he expected to hear of the granting of the charter to build very soon. It will run from the Crow's Nest Pass to the boundary, and the Great Northern will build a branch up to meet it. He is of the opinion that the railway competition will tend to still further lessen the cost of coal to the consumer, although even now it is very low the "run of the mine" being delivered f. o. b. at the mine for \$2 a ton. After that, as Mr. Jaffray says, the price of the coal is a matter between the consumer and the railways. The demand for coal for the British Columbia smelting industry is slackening off of late, although Mr. Jaffray is of the opinion that the industry will greatly extend if the ore shipments are good. The silver and lead ores are good but owing to the fact that the American Smelting Trust has stopped taking them, very little has been done with them of late. Other ores are not so good, and several mines have stopped shipping recently.

Mr. Jaffray says it will require skillful and careful management to make the low grade ores profitable, but believes that the men who are now dealing with them are equal to the task and will make them pay. The Granby Smelter people, Mr. Jaffray states, are anxious to obtain the Republic mine's ores to smelt, so much so, indeed, that if they can get a guarantee of 300 tons of ore daily they will build a railway between Grand Forks and the Republic mines. The Republic camp looks to the British Columbia smelters for the smelting of their ores and are equally anxious to see the railway built.

Mr. Jaffray has been in the west since February last and leaves for home this afternoon.

## Hogs for Yukon.

From the Skagway Alaskan. When K. J. Elkjor returns from his trip to Dawson he promises to tell the public through the Daily Alaskan all about how gracefully hogs walk on ice. He is about to embark on an expedition which will give him ample opportunity to make observations along these lines. Mr. Elkjor is now stopping with four of his hired men at the Occidental hotel, and expects to begin his trip, in which novelty is more of a certain factor than money to-day.

The taking of cattle into Dawson over the ice is a very easy matter for Mr. Elkjor, for he has gone in several times, but to-day he tackles the proposition of transporting hogs there. Talking with him at the hotel yesterday, a reporter saw that he knew it was a different thing. He is thoroughly acquainted with the perversity of the hog, and has studied the

conditions which are apt to confront him on this trip very closely. If he fails it will not be because of insufficient precautionary measures. The liability of the hogs becoming snow blind is one of the difficulties which Mr. Elkor fears most. Another is the danger of the hogs becoming sore-footed by having to walk over the slush ice which forms during the nights at this time of the year. He realizes that if the swine sleep on the ice they will be badly bungled up for next day's jaunt. To offset this each night beds of Yukon feathers (which being interpreted means boughs of trees) will be made, and the scavengers put to rest thereon.

His hogship will have a diet of cracked corn on his trip to the Dawson slaughter pen. This will be carried in a sleigh drawn by horses, and if any of the herd tire and fall by the wayside they will be dumped into the buggy and hauled.

Should any of the swine freeze to death, a contingency which the promoter of this novel expedition does not expect, they will be cleaned and taken along as frozen pork. The other obstacles will be guarded against by careful management. The propensity of the hog to want to go the wrong way at the right time enters largely into Mr. Elkor's estimate of the probable time of his arrival at the gold metropolis, but he figures that with this and all other difficulties to contend with he ought to get to Dawson about twelve days after leaving White Horse.

He also figures extensively on the hog's well known liking to stop and wallow in water, and he thinks the frigid aqua of the North will be equally attractive to the swine as the more temperate waters on their native fields.

He, however, has become inured to vexatious delays and troubles in taking stock into Dawson, and does not feel in much doubt as to the expected successful outcome. He recognizes the season is getting late, and is anxious to get on his way. He says if it were a week later he would not attempt the trip this year.

The 170 hogs were carefully selected and are all about the same size. They are not fat, and are as well muscled as any he could get. He thinks they will stand it to travel 12 or 14 miles a day.

So far as known this is the first attempt to drive hogs over the ice to Dawson. Cattle and sheep have been taken in this way numerous times. Hogs will be scarce in there in the spring, and Mr. Elkor expects to get 75 cents a pound for them wholesale. He furthermore expects to take the drive through without losing but few if any.

**Forestry Experiments.**

Mr Norman H. Ross, of Ottawa, the Dominion forestry expert, who, with Mr A. P. Stevenson, of Nelson, will have charge of forestry operations in the west, was interviewed on Saturday in regard to his work. Mr. Ross says that the recent created forestry branch of the department of the interior has for its object the dissemination of knowledge of improved ways of planting and developing forest plantations, wood lots, shelter belts and windbreaks, and the government proposes to give farmers and settlers practical assistance in this connection. In order to facilitate operations as far as possible, agents of the branch are being sent out to inspect the lands which have been prepared by farmers for plantation and who have made application for young trees. The agents will determine from the nature of the soil as to what trees are best adapted for growth in the different localities, and will also gather and distribute other necessary relative information. Seed and planting material will be furnished by the department to the farmers who apply for it and have ground in readiness to receive it, on certain conditions which shall be subscribed to in an agreement between the owners of the lands and the departments. This provides for the supervision of the plantations by the department and the care of the plants and preparation of the ground by the owner. The present year's work will consist largely of preliminary arrangements and preparation and any planting done will be from seed or nursery stock. It is intended to utilize the experimental farms for the growth of young trees and after these have reached the height of a foot or two they will be distributed to the farmers. Mr. Ross states that about thirty farmers in

Manitoba have prepared land for planting and made application for seed and material and this has also been done by about the same number of farmers in the Territories. The minimum number of plants which the department will supply to an individual is 1,500, which is the amount necessary to stock one-half an acre. Forest reserves and timber belts have also been appropriated by the department, one of these is situated in the Moose Mountains, one at Turtle Mountain and another near Carberry. Mr. A. P. Stevenson will act as the department's agent in this province while Mr. Ross will attend to the wants of the Territories.

The following is the tree planting agreement to be subscribed to by the owners of lands and the department. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. Tree Planting Agreement.

Ottawa,.....190... The department of the interior of Canada and A. B., of ....., mutually agree as follows:

1. The department of the interior, in order to disseminate a knowledge of improved ways of planting and developing forest plantations, woodlots, shelterbelts, and windbreaks, shall, after personal study on the ground by its agents, prepare a plan for planting and caring for a forest plantation, woodlot, shelterbelt, or windbreak, on ..... acres of land of the said A. B., situated and described as follows:

2. The said plan shall be prepared for the purpose of promoting and increasing the present value and usefulness of said land to its owner and to develop and perpetuate a plantation of forest trees upon it.

3. Upon the completion of the said plan and its acceptance by the said A. B., ..... the department of the interior shall supervise the execution thereof so far as may be necessary.

4. The department of the interior will as far as the means at its disposal permit, furnish seed and plant material for the purpose of planting the said forest plantation, woodlot, shelterbelt, or windbreak, but the preparation of the soil and the planting and care of the above named forest plantation, woodlot, shelterbelt, or windbreak, shall be attended to by the said A. B.

5. The department of the interior shall render all services under this agreement wholly without charge to the said A. B.

6. The department of the interior shall have the right to take from the said plantation, woodlot, shelterbelt, or windbreak, for use on other land, any of the young trees removed in the necessary thinning of the said plantation, woodlot, shelterbelt, or windbreak, which are not required on the above named lot. The department of the interior shall also have the right to take seed from the said plantation, woodlot, shelterbelt, or windbreak.

7. The department of the interior shall have the right to publish and distribute the said plan and its results for the information of farmers and others whom it may concern.

(Signed) ..... Owner.

(Signed) ..... Superintendent of Forestry.

Post Office ..... Date .....

The working plan, above mentioned, being completed, is now accepted, and will be carried out under the conditions of the above agreement

(Signed) ..... Owner.

**QUEBEC THINGS.**

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Agricultural Statistics for the Territories.

Sheep and Wool.

(From the National Provisioner.)
Facts indicate the relative decline of sheep husbandry in the farm states. The few pastures remaining on the farm lands, especially the wool growing branch. Just as wheat growing gradually receded westward and cattle raising declined, first east of the Alleghenies and afterwards appreciably in the Ohio valley, wool growing almost disappeared from the farms, while mutton production lingered in the blue grass section and other regions of fat pastures...

tive quest on antipodal continents and the islands of distant seas for wools, none of which are better than our own, and most of which are weaker in fiber and of less durability. Thirty years ago a successful manufacturer of the era of improvement by breeding and better care, a committee of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, consisting of the most experienced and successful manufacturers of the United States, said in a report:

"In a class of fabrics entering more largely, perhaps, than any others into general consumption, that of flannels, their superiority, due principally to the adaptation of the common wools of this country, their strength and admirable qualities, is so marked as almost to exclude the foreign wools. American fancy combiners compare favorably in finish, fineness and strength with those imported. Our delaines, owing again in a great measure to the excellence of our Merino combing, are superior to those of Bradford at the same grade. The excellence of American shawls was admitted at the great exhibition at London."

It has been the experience of all nations that the domestic supply has been the first and always the chief dependence of its manufacturers, and the peculiar character of the material has impressed itself upon the fabric which that country has produced. Thus, in the fine wools of Saxony and Silesia we have the source of the German broadcloths; in the combing wools of England the worsteds of America; and in the long, curly wools of France the origin of the flannels and cassimeres. The peculiar excellence of Merino wools have given origin of our flannels, our cassimeres, our shawls and delaines, and secured us a strength to all the fabrics into which they enter."

CORRESPONDENCE.

OPENING FOR INVESTMENT.

To the Editor of The Commercial.
I notice in your issue of April 20, an article referring to the organization of a biscuit and confectionery association in Winnipeg. In this article you say that there are about a dozen concerns in these branches of trade doing business in the west. You are well within the mark in this statement. What I would like to call your attention to is the fact that practically all these concerns, with one exception, are eastern factories. There is only one factory in Winnipeg in the biscuit and confectionery line. The others are all eastern factories, who have travelers in the west. Now, I think this is a branch of trade which could be carried on to advantage here, and instead of having all these eastern concerns manufacturing goods for the western trade, we should have our biscuits and confectionery made at home, thus adding largely to the importance of Winnipeg as a manufacturing center. I know of no line of manufacturing business which could be carried on to better advantage here than that of biscuits and confectionery. I think, Mr. Editor, you are not doing your duty in neglecting to advocate the establishment of these industries here, as I understand your attention has before this been called to the fine opening for such a business in Winnipeg. I think you are like The Commercial should make it a point to keep the public posted on such matters and endeavor to secure the advancement of our commercial and manufacturing interests by legitimate ways. Asking space for this in your interesting journal, and trusting you will keep this matter before the public.
Yours respectfully,
PROGRESS.

It is expected that the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway company will spend some \$300,000 in improving their system this season. A car shed and engine house which will cost about \$60,000 will be built on the corner of Main street and Assiniboine avenue. Portage avenue will probably be double tracked between Hargrave and Sherbrooke streets, a new track laid on Notre Dame avenue. The Hamilton avenue cars will run down Higgins avenue to Louise bridge, making a through line.

"Those pigs of yours," said the contractor, "are in fine condition. Jarvis."

"Yes," answered Jarvis, "sure they are. Oh, sure, if we was all of us only as fit to die as them, we'd do."—Kansas City Star.

The department of agriculture at Regina has just completed the compilation of threshers' returns for the year 1900. Below will be found a statement showing the result of last season's crop in the various sections of the Northwest Territories as well as a comparison with the figures for the preceding season:

Table with columns: District, Bushels Threshed, Acreage, Yd. Per Acre. Rows include East Assiniboia, Central Assiniboia, West Assiniboia, East Saskatchewan, West Saskatchewan, North Alberta, Central Alberta, South Alberta, Territories.

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The total area under crops of wheat, oats and barley, as reported by threshers was 906,347 acres in the year 1900, and from this was harvested 8,607,062 bushels of grain. This shows 62,610 more acres of land under cultivation than during the preceding year but the yield falls short by 3,331,418 bushels. This is accounted for by the extremely dry spring and early summer in the eastern portions of the Territories and by bad harvesting weather throughout. Early snow storms in the west caused heavy losses by lodging the grain and thus materially reduced the yield.



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