

A large Minneapolis milling firm, the Pittsburg-Washburn Co., having been requested to give a close and expert examination into some samples of No. 1 red winter wheat grown in Alberta, and having yielded at the rate of thirty-four bushels per acre, gave its opinion to the effect that it was a very fair quality of milling wheat for some purposes, but that the percentage of gluten was lower than the spring wheat raised in the north, and also the quality and color of the gluten were somewhat lower. The color of the flour made from this wheat would be of not so good a quality as that from spring wheat. However, admits the firm, it is a good bread-making flour if properly used, and if it can be raised on a yield of thirty bushels to the acre should be a very profitable crop to the farmer, and would find a ready sale to millers at a fair price.

Not much satisfaction can be found in the results of recent shipments of Canadian eggs to Great Britain. As a matter of fact, comparatively few have gone forward, owing to the high prices prevailing in the country markets, which are practically on an equality with what Irish and Russian eggs are selling for in England. It is stated that French eggs of finest quality, which are probably quite equal to the best ever sent from this country, have been selling in Bristol at 8s. 6d., while holders of Canadians have been asking 9s. 3d. Some lots of Canadian eggs received lately in Manchester were put in cold storage, awaiting a better market. In a few cases 9s. 3d. has been obtained, but it was only owing to a temporary local scarcity or some other ephemeral cause.

GALT BOARD OF TRADE.

On Tuesday evening last, 17th inst., was held in the council chamber of that town the annual meeting of the Galt Board of Trade. The attendance was good. The retiring president, Mr. Jos. Stauffer, gave an address reviewing the work of the year, and commenting upon the substantial growth of the town during that period. A deputation were appointed to wait on the Ontario Government to protest against the proposed amendment to the County Councils Act, and to ask for an amendment to the High Schools Act, whereby townships shall be asked to contribute a fair proportion towards the capital expenditure for high schools and collegiate institutes. Officers were elected as follows: President, J. H. Fuyer; vice-president, F. S. Jarvis; secretary, A. J. Donaldson; treasurer, James E. Warnock.

OUR SAINT JOHN LETTER.

Members of the Provincial Government and prominent lawyers from New Brunswick are at Ottawa this week arguing before the Secretary of State a matter of great interest to the people of this Province. At its last session the Legislature of New Brunswick granted a charter to the Grand Falls Power Company, Limited, an American syndicate, who put up a deposit of \$50,000 as a guarantee of their bona fides, and agreed to develop the water power at Grand Falls, to go into the manufacture of ferro-manganese from bog ores, to develop electricity for light and power purposes, etc. Some years ago similar rights had been granted Senator Redfield Proctor, of Vermont; Sir Wm C. Van Horne and others, but they never acted under their charter, and the time given them has now expired. Last winter these parties obtained at Ottawa letters patent under the same name as the company incorporated by the New Brunswick Legislature. Now the New Brunswick company is seeking to have the Secretary of State change the name of the Ottawa company, while the Ottawa incorporators are asking that the charter granted by the New Brunswick Legislature be disallowed on the ground that it has not the control of the waters of the river. If this latter contention is successful, the rights of the provincial company will be cancelled. The Government

of New Brunswick has no doubt of the bona fides of the company it incorporated, and say that development work on an extensive scale has only been delayed pending a settlement of the questions in dispute. It is ten years ago since the other company first secured rights, and up to the present nothing has been done to develop the water power, which is one of the finest on the continent, using the majestic body of the River St. John.

There is very little likelihood of the big lumber mill at Tracadie, burned last week, being rebuilt. The mill was a thoroughly well-equipped one, but it is understood that the timber lands in the vicinity were pretty well exhausted. Another mill recently destroyed by fire and not likely to be replaced is that of Messrs. Donald Fraser & Sons at Fredericton. By the Tracadie fire the insurance companies lost upwards of \$120,000, but the actual loss to the owners is said to have been much greater.

A number of St. John merchants have taken legal proceedings to obtain possession of goods claimed by them, but held by the Sayre Company at Sussex. Recently Abdallah Sayre, an Assyrian, doing business at Beersville, failed. It is claimed that he had purchased goods worth upwards of \$8,000, and that when a fire came before the assignment he collected some \$1,500 insurance and \$1,200 more on the building, all in the name of his wife. Soon after his assignment the Sayre Company at Sussex was formed, the members being Mrs. Sayre and other relatives of Abdallah aforesaid. The St. John merchants claim that the stock with which this company started is the same that they shipped to Abdallah before the fire, and on which the insurance companies paid insurance. Upon making enquiry, St. John merchants identified their goods, and Montreal parties who sold to Abdallah Sayre shortly before his failure have been asked to send men down for the same purpose. While this is not a new form of swindling, the present appears to be a particularly glaring instance.

The city of St. John has awarded Messrs. D. W. Clark & Son a contract for \$145,337 to build a new deep-water wharf for the accommodation of steamers coming here for the winter port trade. This wharf will be ready for the winter of 1906-7, and will, it is expected, be first used by the big new boats of the C.P.R. fleet.

There is much speculation here over a visit paid the city on Saturday, by Mr. McGuigan, of the Grand Trunk. He was accompanied by Prof. McLeod, of McGill, and together they visited and carefully inspected all the terminals of both the I.C.R. and C.P.R., getting figures as to the sizes of sheds, warehouses, etc., and much other valuable data. What does it mean is the question now asked on all sides.

William H. Murray, one of the leading lumbermen of New Brunswick, and head of the lumber firm of Murray & Gregory, who died a couple of weeks ago, left an estate that has been probated at \$615,000, and that is expected to reach nearly the million mark. This is a very large estate for this Province. It all goes to relatives. Mr. Murray was an unmarried man.

The lumber situation in New Brunswick continues serious. Quite a number of the saw-mills have been shut down, and some are being dismantled, the owners having come to the conclusion that there is no likelihood of a sufficient rise of water to bring out logs that were hung up because of the small spring freshet.

The Royal Bank of Canada opened on Monday a new branch in this city in the north end. The Royal has also made definite announcement that it is the purchaser of the McLaughlin Building, on King Street, and will tear it down to put up a modern bank building. Some of the tenancies run for seven years, so it may yet be a long time before the promised new building materializes.

The wireless telegraph station on Partridge Island, at the mouth of St. John harbor, has just been completed, and is now sending and receiving messages.

That a New Brunswick company can go out into the markets of the Dominion and successfully compete for trade with the concerns in the large centres is seen in