

Lumber Cuttings.

A large number of prominent business men left Winnipeg last week to attend the excursion under the auspices of the Lake of the Woods lumbermen. The Winnipeg contingent was headed by the city band. The party go to *Ret Portage, and thence by steamer across the lake and up the Rainy river.*

G. F. Slater, who has conducted so successfully a shingle and saw mill business at Vancouver, B. C., for some years, has sold out to H. H. Spicer. The new proprietor has enlarged the industry by adding another shingle machine. From personal acquaintance with Mr. Spicer, THE COMMERCIAL can recommend him to the trade as a reliable and careful business man. This is the mill which has supplied Manitoba very largely with the famous red cedar shingles, for the past two or three years.

Following is the estimated cut of the Lake of the Woods mills for the present season in feet:—

Keewatin Lumber Company	12,000,000
Minnesota & Ontario Company	12,000,000
Cameron & Kennedy	10,000,000
Dick, Banning & Co	10,000,000
Western Lumber Company	8,000,000
Ross, Hall & Brown	8,000,000

These are given as close figures, and may be exceeded before the season is over. The mills are all running briskly, and the demand is large. Cameron & Kennedy, operate the Bulmer mill, in addition to their own, the cut of the two mills being included in the figures for this firm. This accounts for the total seven mills on the lake.

Heavy rains in Southern Alberta have caused floods on some of the streams. The *Macloed Gazette* says: "The McLaren log drive, consisting of some 20,000 pieces of timber, was on the way down, and was caught by the flood about twenty-five miles up the river. The portion of the boom at the mill stretching from the upper end of the piles to the north bank of the river, gave way and swung around behind the piles. None of the logs passed through this break, as the current sweeps around a bend in the river a little above, and carried most of them to the south channel. The force of the water drove the part of the boom between the lower end of the piles and the south bank under water, and the logs were carried clean over it. To make matters still worse, a second boom, about 100 yards further down in the slough, which is now almost as large as the river, also gave way. Fortunately all the escaping timber was carried into the slough. Gangs of men were placed at intervals along the bank, and they succeeded in saving a large number of logs, which were at once hauled out or the bank. It is of course impossible to give any accurate estimate of the number of logs which escaped from the drive and came down with the flood. It could not, however, have been far short of several thousand, and of these it is not probable that half were saved. Some of the bridge timber was lost."

Grain and Milling.

Work on the Carman farmers' elevator is progressing.

McCulloch & Harriott are going to erect an elevator near their roller mill at Plum Creek, Man.

James Trothoway contemplates the erection of a saw and grist mill, at Elk Creek, Chilliwhack, B. C.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. are about to erect a stave factory on the Rainy river, where there is excellent timber for staves.

A by-law authorizing a vote to be taken respecting the granting of a \$4,000 bonus for a grist mill at Killarney, Man., has been passed by the council.

Chalmers Bros. & Bothune have decided to erect an elevator at Pilot Mound, Man. The lumber has arrived and the foundation has been laid. It is to have a capacity of 25,000 bushels.

The last wheat shipment for the season from Wawanesa, Man., went forward recently. The total shipments for the season amount to 250,000 bushels, which is not a bad showing for a comparatively new market with strong competition on all sides.

The *Carberry News* says: R. F. Lyons has commenced proceedings against the Manitoba Milling Co. for a storage account of \$4,000. In order to be safe he has attached 7,000 bushels of wheat belonging to the company, now stored in his elevator for shipment.

Mr. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg board of trade and grain exchange, is at Ottawa regarding the appointment of weighmasters for grain. He has discussed the matter with the Minister of Inland revenue, and others, who is preparing a memorandum for council, covering all the requests of the western boards of trade. A bill founded on these representations will be passed this session.

The Melita Milling company is applying for incorporation; object, the erection of a flour mill at Melita, Man. The names of the applicants are: John Lorne Campbell, of Melita, lumber dealer; Alexander Trerice, of Melita, farmer; Peter Powell, of Desden, Ontario, miller; Patrick McConnell, of Deloraine, merchant; John Watkins Crawford, of Melita, contractor, and Charles Sydney Dobbyce, of Melita, farmer.

A meeting of reeves and councillors of municipalities around Winnipeg was held recently, to consider the question of bonusing a farmers' flour mill, and thereby securing the erection of such a mill in the city. Penrose & Co. and D. H. McMillan & Co. were the only ones who offered to build the mill for the bonus offered, \$14,000. Of this amount Springfield was to have paid \$6,000, and the other municipalities in proportion. Owing to two of the municipalities not being represented, no action was taken. An offer from the Ogilvie Milling Co. was also considered; it was understood to grant the concessions which the company had previously refused. The farmers desired to be able to exchange their wheat for flour, bran and shorts, but this the milling companies refused to give.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—A large milling firm reported sales of 8,000 sacks for shipment to Great Britain, spring wheat patents bringing about 31s c.i.f. and strong bakers 29s. c.i.f. Locally, anxious sellers are cutting prices below quotations. We quote prices as follows: Patent, winter, \$5.15 to 5.35; patent, spring, \$5.50 to 5.75; straight roller, \$4.90 to 5.00; extra, \$4.50 to 4.70; superfine, \$4.00 to 4.35; Manitoba bakers', \$5.15 to 5.50.

Mill Feed—Bran steady at \$15.00 to 16.00, sales of car lots at \$15.00 to 15.50; shorts scarce at \$20.50 against \$16.50 to 17.00 a year ago.

Oatmeal—Prices are as follows for jobbing lots, rolled, \$2.95 per bag; granulated, \$2.95 per bag; standard, \$2.90 per bag.

Wheat—The market is weak and the price of Manitoba wheat is lower, sales of No. 2 hard having transpired in car lots in different parts of Ontario at equal to \$1.08 here. No. 2 northern selling at 98c to \$1, and No. 3 hard at 95 to 96c.

Figs—The market has a very steady appearance with sales of round lots at 13c, a lot of 100 cases being made at that price, but single cases of closely candled stock command 13½c, and exceptional sales have been made at a fraction more money.

Butter—Some large sales of western have been made on the basis of 13 to 13½c at points west of Toronto, with sales in this market of a few parcels at 14 to 15c as to quality. Eastern Townships is selling in jobbing way at 16 to 18c, but shippers appear to be passing it by. In creamery, sales are reported at 19 to 19½c and 19½c, these figures having been paid by exporters for the last half of June make.

Cheese—The market during the week has remained very steady at a fractional gain in value in sympathy with the market on the other side. The country boards have been fairly active this week at firm prices, and in this market finest colored has sold at 8½ to 8¾c, and finest white at 8½ to 8¾c, while a considerable quantity of underpriced goods have changed hands at 8, 8½ and 8¾c.

Hides—The expected drop in the price of hides has at last taken place as tanners have refused to pay the old rates. Accordingly a drop of 1c was made on Monday and prices for green hides are now: No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c.

Maple Products—There is an occasional enquiry for maple sugar and syrup and prices rule as follows: Syrup at 50 to 55c; sugar quiet at 7 to 7½c per pound, dark grades at 6 to 6½c per pound.

Evaporated Apples—The market is steady and firm at 11c per pound.

Dried Apples—The market is steady and firm at 8 to 9c per pound. Scarcely any to be had.

Oats—There have been further sales of car lots of Ontario white oats at 55 to 56c per 34 pounds, and Quebec oats have sold at 52 to 53c.

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Live Stock Markets.

A cable from Liverpool to the *Montreal Gazette* on July 20, says: "The improvement noted in this market last week has not been maintained, owing to the heavy supply of Canadian and American cattle and fair general supply. The demand has been steady, but not sufficiently brisk to keep up prices, quotations at Stanley market to day being as follows:—Finest steers, 13½c. good to choice, 13c; poor to medium, 12c; inferior and bulls, 9½ to 10c. The supply of sheep was heavy and the tone of the market easy, quotations being as follows:—Best sheep, 12c; secondary, 10 to 11c; merinos, 9½ to 10½c; and inferior and rams, 7 to 8½c.

The *Montreal Gazette* of July 21 says: "The stock yards crowded. British markets easier.