

Grain and Milling.

Leitch Bros., will build an elevator at once, in connection with their fine flour mill at Oak Lake.

Mr. Nairn, of the Winnipeg oatmeal mill, has already received two cars of new oats, of fine quality.

W. D. McBean, grain dealer, Winnipeg, arrived home last week. Mr. McBean has been on an extended visit to Ontario.

E. L. Drewry, of the Winnipeg brewery, last Thursday purchased 500 bushels of barley. The barley is of a very choice quality, and was grown in the vicinity of Carman.

A meeting of the farmers will be held at Mosse Jaw, Assa., to consider arrangements to build a flour mill this fall. So far the prospects are very bright for the farmers in this district.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, has been on a trip to the Pacific coast. During his absence, Mr. Black, secretary of the company, has been in charge of this mammoth concern.

The Farmers' Elevator Co., at Rapid City, Man., says the *Reporter*, have matters so arranged that the construction of the elevator will be proceeded with. A few days necessary delay will occur, but by the 15th inst., operations will begin.

The Dominion board of arbitrators and grain examiners for the inspection districts west of Lake Superior held a meeting last week at Winnipeg and appointed the 10th of September as the date of examination of a gentleman from Port Arthur as to his fitness to act as deputy inspector of grain. The gentleman is nominated by F. E. Gibbs, inspector at Port Arthur.

W. A. Doyle, a farmer near Beulah, Man., has some wheat of an unknown variety, which stood over seven feet high, and was dead ripe on August 20. He claims that it was ready to cut a week earlier than any red fife wheat in that locality, though sown late. It yields heavy, but its milling value is unknown. He has grown this wheat for a number of years, from the seed of a few heads he found growing wild near his farm.

The first new wheat marketed at Morden, Man., says the *Monitor* of September 3, was on Monday last by some Mennonites. These people are voted slow by some of us, but they come up smiling with their wheat every year before the Cannuck has done cutting. Four loads were sold to Mr. Byron Fraser at 70c per bushel. No one is buying as yet at the elevators, so that this price must not be taken as a criterion. The sample is the best Mr. Fraser has ever handled.

Three samples of grain from the Prince Albert district, Saskatchewan territory, were received in Winnipeg early last week. The choicest is perhaps a sample of ladoga wheat. It is well worth inspection, and may be seen at the office of Atkinson & Co. The berry is of a fine color, plump and hard, and the sample will average 66 pounds per bushel. The other samples are of oats and barley, the latter being the two rowed variety. The berry is of mammoth size, and the color good. The sample of oats is a white variety, and remarkably heavy. If the general crop of the Prince Albert district is in keeping with these wonderfully fine samples,

the people up there will have something to rejoice about.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling company, who returned last week from a trip to the Pacific coast, stated that they were extending their business in all directions. They had decided to establish agencies in Yokohama, Japan and Hong Kong, China. The company's mills have all been improved this summer. Additions have been made to the Glenboro mill, Montreal, which cost \$30,000. The capacity of this mill is 2,000 barrels per day. The Winnipeg mill has been improved at a considerable outlay. The company made arrangements some time ago to make a thoroughly practical test of the flour producing qualities of ladoga wheat. The test will be made as soon as a stock of ladoga can be secured.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Rainy River Boom Co., has had a very busy season. They have handled 35,000,000 feet of logs since May last.

The Minnesota & Ontario lumber mill at Norman, has closed down. The planing mill is still running, and the yard and office men are busy shipping. The season's cut has been a large one. Some of the mill men have gone west to Manitoba's harvest fields.

The lumber manufacturers of the Northwest States met at Minneapolis, Minnesota, recently, to take decided action towards advancing the price of lumber. Over 60 were present from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. It was decided to form a permanent organization and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. A committee was also appointed to compile the written reports from lumber markets all over the Northwest as to the state of the market. It is proposed to advance prices about a dollar a thousand.

The scene at Christie's saw mill these days, writes a Brandon, Man., correspondent, is a busy one; the hum of the saw cutting the products of the forest into lumber can be heard throughout the city both night and day. Seventy-five men are constantly employed, who, with the latest improved machinery are turning out 60,000 feet of dressed lumber every twenty-four hours. It will take until it freezes up at this rate of speed to cut up all the logs now in the Assiniboine awaiting the work of the sawyers. Mr. Christie has on hand 42,000 logs ready to cut, which, together with 2,100,000 feet of lumber now in the yard, represents not a little building material. 40,000 feet of lumber leaves the yard daily and finds its way to every point in the province, there seeming to be a great demand for spruce lumber.

A meeting of the retail lumber merchants of the province was held at Brandon on Aug. 29 to consider the advisability of forming a provincial association. About thirty delegates were present from all parts of the province and from those who could not attend communications were read and the unanimous wish was that an association should be formed. It was decided to form an association under the title of Western Retail Lumber Association. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. Black, Winnipeg; vice-president, Mr. Barclay, Brandon; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Housser, of Portage la Prairie. Five directors were also appointed, who with the president, vice-presi-

dent and secretary-treasurer form the executive committee. The committee appointed at Rat Portage at a previous meeting presented a draft of the constitution and by-laws to govern the association, which were accepted. There was also a discussion with reference to rates, but the fixing of these was left to the next meeting of the directors, to be held in Winnipeg during exhibition week. All of the lumbermen say that the forming of this association is a step in the right direction.

Ocean and Inland Freights.

The ocean freight market for grain is firm, as sufficient western stuff has been taken to insure full cargoes up to the close of navigation. On Tuesday 40,000 bushels of grain was chartered for Liverpool at 3s, ship agents now asking 3s 3d. London is quoted at 4s; Glasgow, 3s 6d and Bristol, 4s. Two charters of heavy grain reported for the Baltic at 4s 9d. Deals to British ports by outside vessels are quoted at 45s to 47s 6d.

Regarding inland freights, 7c per bushel has been paid this week for heavy grain from Chicago to Montreal, and large quantities are on the way mostly from Chicago. The rate from Chicago to Buffalo is 2½c on wheat and 2½c on corn.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.

A BEAUTIFUL volume, bearing the title of the "Monetary Times Portfolio Edition," has reached us, from the *Monetary Times* office, Toronto. The work is handsomely bound in morocco leather, and is a thing of beauty throughout. The engravings are superb, and the letter press perfect, from an artistic point of view. We have not had time yet to peruse the book, but doubtless the literary features will be in keeping with the mechanical and artistic appearance of this handsome publication. It is a work of 117 pages, and illustrated by numerous large photo-engravings. It contains letter-press descriptions of Canadian cities, Canadian financial institutions, Canadian industries, and the like, with statistics added which in many cases serve to illustrate the text, and with historical sketches of the growth of Canada in general, as well as the rise and progress of the National Policy in particular. Considerable space is given to banking and financial subjects, insurance, etc., and to the growth of the different branches of wholesale trade and manufacturing industries. Altogether the publication is the finest thing which has reached THE COMMERCIAL office, at least this year.

About four hundred people from Ontario, including many intending settlers with their families, left Toronto on September 1, on two special trains bound for Manitoba and the west. The trains contained fifteen cars. The feature of the excursion was the very large amount of baggage accompanying them. This is the last harvest excursion of the season.

We have received from Lucas, Park & Co., wholesale grocers, of Hamilton, Ontario, a special issue of the *Hamilton Spectator*. This number is issued on a mammoth scale, profusely illustrated, in celebration of the great Saengerfest recently held in that city. The paper contains a cut of the handsome warehouse of Lucas, Park & Co. The firm is sending a copy of this handsome publication to each one of its western customers.