

## Grain and Milling.

A large grain warehouse is in course of erection at Fox Warren, on the Manitoba North-western railway.

C. P. R. elevator capacity at Fort William is being increased, work on an annex having been commenced. The capacity of the annex will be 1,300,000 bushels.

The new roller flour mill established at Nicola, B. C. by A. E. Howse, the second one to be completed in that province, has a capacity of 50 barrels per day. It is operated by water power, and is in charge of Harry Richardson, who comes from Guelph, Ontario. The mill is a Geo. T. Smith short system. The machinery was furnished and set up by J. S. McKay, of Preston & McKay, Boissevain, Man. The settlers of the Nicola district gave a bonus of \$1,500 for the mill. Not much wheat has been grown heretofore in the district, but now that a mill has been built, the quantity will be largely increased.

## Items About Trade.

Oats sold at Toronto the first of last week at 41 cents for mixed quality.

Sales of potatoes have been made at Montreal in round lots as low as 40 to 50¢ per bag.

Oatmeal at Montreal has sold at \$1.80 to \$1.90 for standard, and \$5 to \$5.15 for granulated.

At Toronto recently dried apples were worth 7 to 8¢. For small lot of new evaporated dealers were asking up to 13¢.

On track at Toronto potatoes were worth 60¢ per bag last week, and at 70 to 75¢ in smaller quantities, for good stock.

New wheat flours were offering at Montreal the first of last week at lower prices. Old wheat flour, however is scarce and firmly held. The *Gazette* says a bid of \$5.75 was accepted for new strong baker's.

There was not much business doing in wheat, says the *Toronto Empire*, of Oct. 6. Manitoba No. 2 hard, to arrive, sold at \$1.12, and for delivery next week at \$1.13. Sales were also made of No. 2 fall on track at 93¢.

At London, Ont., on October 4, twenty-six factories bargained 11,693 boxes of cheese at the cheese board; 5,495 August, balance September; sales, 190 August at 93¢, and 250 at 92¢; 140 September at 91.5¢, and 525 at 10.5¢. Market dull.

The *Toronto Grocer* says: "Old tomatoes are selling at \$1.10 to \$1.20. For new tomatoes one jobber refused \$1.10 for 500 cases for future delivery. Uncertainty still hangs over the market for this year's pack. The crop is abundant, but whether the pack will be large or not depends upon whether the fine weather will last long enough to ripen it."

Prices are likely to advance on British pig and English iron on account of the strike in Scotland, as the Scotch iron masters have decided that they will not accede to the demand of their men. This has had the effect of causing further excitement in warrants at Glasgow, and of course the regular market will be affected by it.

The offering on the cheese board at Brockville, Ont., on October 2, were 3,600 white and 2,400 colored cheese. The market was dull, and buyers and sellers so far apart in their ideas

that no business could be done. Not a sale was made on the board. Ten and a quarter cents was offered for selections of both white and colored, but nobody would accept.

The *Montreal Gazette* says of the cheese market: "The week opened dull and remained so throughout, while on Wednesday and Thursday English buyers who have shown remarkable indifference all along talked fractionally lower limits over the cable, and were very particular as to date and quality at that, some offering limits for September which would necessitate purchasing at a fraction less than 10¢. It is needless to say that they were not accommodated, and if the even figure had been bid, as was the case last week, they would more likely have got undated Augusts than Septembers. In fact we only know of one or two instances where guaranteed Septembers were turned over, and they were not large parcels, the figure being a fraction over 10¢, the shippers in the case being content with the meagre iota of profit."

## The Potato.

The potato this year is a delusion. Few countries speak of this year's results in the cultivation excepting in complaint. The truth is, where it was needed most, it is rarest. It is short of expectations in Ireland and lacked 40 per cent of a full crop in Tennessee. It promises to be too dear for the common people of Germany, and the Hollander will have to wait for another crop, as the result of this year's has been very disappointing. Potatoes failed in Scotland too, where the prevailing disease has made its presence felt early in the season. About the only place in creation that the potatoes yield satisfactorily this year is Manitoba, where there is an abundant crop, but valueless almost, because unprofitable to cross the line on account of the tax.—*Minneapolis Market Record*.

## Wheat Graded too High.

In view of the low standards adopted for grading Manitoba's wheat crop this year, the complaints made about Minnesota grading will be interesting. The trouble there of green kernels among the wheat is one of the same faults which is apparent in Manitoba grades this season. A report from Minneapolis says:

"Ever since the new crop of wheat began to come in dealers here have claimed that the State Inspectors were putting too high grades on the lower qualities of wheat, particularly that from North Dakota, which contains green kernels. The millers have absolutely refused to buy it, and the elevator men have shipped it to outside points or stored it. New York dealers have made frequent complaints, saying that they could not sell it to the foreign trade, and that there was no demand for it. This green wheat is unfit for flour, and it is said the inspectors will reject it as no grade."

## Apples.

The *Toronto Empire* has the following to say of the apple market: "Apples are in light receipt and are firm. A Philadelphia dealer was on the market this week and picked up a carload for that place, paying from \$3 to \$3.25 per bbl and finding the barrels. Dealers are selling fall fruit at \$3 to \$4 per bbl in single barrels and \$1.75 to \$2.50 in lots. There is an

active demand for Canadian apples in the British market, and high prices have been realized on a few shipments that have gone over. A few small lots of fancy Kings have arrived in Liverpool and were sold at 35s to 37s per bbl, while Baldwins sold at 24s to 24s 6d.

Later the same paper says: "The market for apples is very firm, and there is no disposition on the part of holders to part with their stock at present figures. Farmers are bringing in a good many apples, such as Culverts, Kings and Alexanders, and are getting for good stock \$2.50 per bbl. A good deal of poor stock is contained in their offerings, however, and they sell such at \$1.25 to \$1.75 per bbl. Good fall stock is moving out of dealers' hands at \$2 to \$3 per bbl, but the sale is not active, while the fruit is scarce. One consumer paid this week \$4 per bbl for a small lot of choice Alexanders to be shipped to Winnipeg, which would cost him \$1.80 per bbl more. This was a retail price, however, and the lot was a very small one, Montreal buyers have been active in the market lately and one sale is reported of 15,000 bbls of winter fruit at equal to \$3.75 laid down in Montreal and another small lot at equal to \$3.90."

## A Tariff Provision.

One of the paragraphs in the new United States Tariff bill of interest to foreign exporters is the following.—"Section 6.—That on and after the first day of March, 1891, all articles of foreign manufacture, such as are usually or ordinarily marked, stamped, branded or labeled and all packages containing such or other imported articles, shall respectively be plainly marked, stamped, branded or labeled in legible English words, so as to indicate the country of their origin, and unless so marked, stamped, branded or labeled they shall not be admitted to entry." A chief of the customs divisions of the Treasury Department, when asked his opinion about it said: "Its meaning seems clear, and leaves no room for misconstruction. Such articles as canned vegetables, olive oil, wines, perfumes, canned fruits, sardines and various other articles will come under this head."—*Broadstreets*.

## The Cattle Markets.

Something of a sensation was created in cattle markets by the report that pleuro pneumonia had been discovered among Canadian cattle at Dundee, Scotland. Later the gratifying word was received that the report was false.

British cattle markets have not improved, but rather the contrary. Cables the first of last week reported further declines in prices. The markets were described as weak and ½¢ lower, with large offerings of home stock, which made the demand for foreign cattle dull. Liverpool quoted 11½¢ for finest steers; choice, 11¢; medium, 10¢, and inferior and bulls as low as 7½¢.

At Montreal 200 head of western cattle were reported on the market for over a week. The bulk of offerings were described as poor quality, and really choice cattle were scarce. Receipts of stock at Montreal to date have been 18 to 20 per cent. greater than last year. At Montreal export cattle were quoted at 4 to 4½¢, butchers' stock, medium to choice, 3 to 4½¢; poor, 2 to 3¢.