

TEAS, SUGARS, WINES, LIQUORS and GENERAL GROCERIES CORNER PRINCESS AND BANNATYNE STREETS, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

Grain and Milling.

The Virden mill was sold by auction on June 22nd.

A new grist mill is in course of erection at Prince Albert.

The grist mill at Westbourn is being overhauled and roller process machinery put in.

The mill and elevator at Saltcoats will cost when completed between \$18,000 and \$20,000.

The amount of wheat in store at Fort William elevator last week is under 800,000 bushels.

The well-known mill builder of Minneapolis, Mr. Pye, has the contract for the equipment of the Pilot Mound mill.

The arbitrators on the claim of Contractor Reid, who constructed the Keewatin mill, and who wants \$35,000 for unspecified work on that building are now at work and have made an inspection of the building.

C. W. Seefield, a prominent Minnesota barley dealer had m le a trip through Manitoba prospecting for elevator sites and proposes building at Little Pembina on the C.P.R. Southwestern. Other locations are in contemplation.

A New Swindle in Cigars.

Among the latest imitations which have been successfully introduced into the tobacco trade of this and other cities are cigars, the wrappers of which are made out of specially perfumed paper. A gentleman well known in the ron manufacturing circles of this vacinity was the first to inform a Commercial Guzette reporter that smoking material of this kind was now on the market. He has recently returned from a visit to Norfolk, Na., where he met a drummer for a large tobacco factory of New York State. This gentleman informed the Pittsburger that ne was then introducing an imitation eigar wrapper which was so deceiving in its character that experts could scarcely distinguish it from the genuine.

This preparation was made from rye straw, and one portion of the process was to steep the material in a strong solution made from tobacco

stems. The grain of the straw, together with the way material was dressed would lead any person to suppose that it was a sample of the leaf used in making wrappers for cigars of a more than ordinary quality. The flavor of tobacco was also present, owing to the paper having been immersed in a solution made from the genuine article.

The gentleman subsequently exa....aed cigars on sale at Norfolk and discovered that they were made with these patent wrappers. The samples examined were of extra fine quality. The drummer stated that the firm which he represented were making tons of this material and shipping it to all the leading cities of the country. Paper made with rye straw is the only kind that can be successfully used for that purpose, as all other kinds of paper can easily be detected by the smoker. The new material is used for fillers in certain classes of cigars. It is very cheap and can be sold greatly below the price paid for the genuine leaf. Mr. Keenan, a well-known tobacco salesman of this city, when asked yesterday if cigars of this kind were sold here, teplied in the affirmative. He had seen numerous samples and said they were very hard to detect .- Pattsburg Commercial Gazette.

U. S. Crop Indications.

A brief synopsis can not do justice to the various characteristics of interest presented by our special correspondence published in detail this week in regard to leading crops. The continuance of rain in the Ohio valley region and some other districts, east and west, has reached a point threatening material injury in many localities to the winter wheat crop. Considerable complaint has also arisen in regard to a grain pest which has attacked wheat in many localities in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and there is apprehension of injury from this source extending to oats. This post be is declared by the entomologist of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station to one of long standing, known as the grain plant louse. It has evidently been in obscurity for some years. Specimens received by the Price

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Current show it to be fly, in its advanced condition of development.

Advices from the Northwest indicate that spring wheat prospects are quite uncertain- in many districts very good, and others quite otherwise-the general average being probably fully 15 per cent. below what might be termed normal condition.

The rains have promoted the growth of grass and have helped corn very materially, but have retarded its cultivation, while weeds have grown rapidly, especially in the warmer temperature of the past few days, and unless there is soon such a change as to give the corn the needed cultivation the crop will become serious ly impaired in its condition, in a large breadth. These drawbacks are yet possible to overcome under a favorable turn in the weather. -- Cine in nati Price Current.

MONTREAL, 15th June, 1889.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COMMERCIAL.

DEAR SIR :- Being largely interested in butter, and having handled consignments of Manitoban, we have read with great pleasure Messrs. Grant & Horn's letter in your issue of 10th June and your editorial remarks thereon, which we heartily emphasize and which we hope the makers and packers will read, mark and learn to their ultimate profit.

There will be an increasing quantity to be sent eastward year by year, and it comes in competition with the make of the oldersections of country, which is packed with the care and skill taught by experience; it is therefore requisite to make the butter as presentable as possible, not only in quality but also in appearance; we would therefore again urge the necessity of clean, handsome packages, of uniform size. The present style of handling the goods, reminds us of a similar condition of affairs evisting over thirty years ago with consignments of Upper Canada butter sent to Montreal, but the trade calls for something very different now; local as well as English dealers and con sumers are far more fastidious than even a very few years ago. All grades of butter below finest are now in competition with the cheap margarine, which is sweet and well put up. If only well handled, there is no butter that should be better than Manitoban. Apoligies for taking up room and space. Yours tuly,

KIRKPATRICK & COOKSON.