

## Grain and Milling.

The Virden mill was sold by auction on June 22nd.
A now 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 nill and elevator at Saltcoats will cost when completed between $\$ 18,000$ and $\$ 20,000$.
The amount of wheat in store at Fort Willinm elovator last week is under 300,000 bushels.
The well-known mill builder of Minneapolis, Mr. Pye, has the contract for the eguipment of the Pilot Mound mill.
The arbitrators on the claim of Contractor Heid, 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. Sceficld, a promineat Mimesota barley dealer had $m$ le a trip through Manitcba pros. pecting for elevator sites and proposes building at Little Pembina on the C.P.R. Southwestera. Other locations are in contemplation.

## A Nem Swinde in Cigars.

Among the latest initations which have been successfully introduced into the tobaceo 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 eircles of this vacinity was the first to inform a Commercinl Giaselte reporter that amoking material of this kind was now on the market. He has recently returned from a visit to Norfolk, Wa., where he met a drummer for a large tolacco factory of New York State. This gentleman informed the Pittshurger that ne was then introducing an imitation cigar wrapper which was so deceiving in its character that experts could scarcely distivguish it from the genuine.
This preparation was made from rye straw, and one portion of the process was to stecp the materinit 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 guality. The flavor of tobacco was also present, owing to the paper having been immersed in a solution made from the gennine article.

The gentleman subseyuently esa.... ued 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. I'aper 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. Kee. nan, it well known tobacco salesinan of this city, when asked yesterday if cigare of this kind were sold here, teplied in the aflirmative. He had seen numerous sumples and sail they were very hard to detect. - l'ittsbucy Commercial Gazelte.

## U. S. Crop Indicativns.

A brief synopsis can not do justice to the various characterictics of interest presented by vur 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, cast and west, has reached a point threatening material injury in many localities to the winter wheat crop. Conciderable complaint has also arisen in regard to a grain pest which has attacked wheat in many localitics in lientucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illi. nois, and there is apprehension of injury from this source extending to oats. This pest be is declared by the cntomologist of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station to one of long standing, known as the grain plant louse. It has ovidently been in obscurity for some years. Specimens received by the Price

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Current show it to be lly, in its advanced com. dition 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 tennperature 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 serivin. ly impaired in its condition, in a large bradeh. These drawbacks are yet possible to overcome under a favorable turn in the weather. --Cin'"." nati Price Curvent.

Nontreal, 15th Junc, 1859.
To the Editor of The Commercial.
Dear Sir:-Being largely interested in butter, and having haudled consignments of Nanitobin, we have read with great pleasure Messrs. Grant \& Korn's letter in your issue of 10th June and you editorial remarks thercon, 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 castward year by year, and it comes in competition with the make of theoldersectionsof country, which is packed with the care and skill taught by expericnce; 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 nectssity of clean, handsome packages, of uniform size. The present style of hanlding the gools, reminds us of a similar condition of affaiss ec. isting over thirty years ago with consignments of Upper Canada Lutter sent to Montreal, Lut tho trade calls for something very diferut now ; local as well as English dealers and con sumers are far more fastidious than even a wery few years ago. All grades of butter below finest are now in competition with the cheap margarioo, which is swret and well put ap. If only well bandled, there is no butter that should be better than Manitoban. Apoligics for taking up room and space. Yours tuly,

Limkpatrick \& Cookson.

