

### Big Flour Trust.

New York, Dec. 5.—A gigantic flour trust has been formed to control nearly all of the product in this country and also the supply of three-fourths of the world. English stockholders in the big Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company were reluctant at first to join, but were finally won over, and the flour trust became a certainty. The trust will have approximately the enormous capital of \$150,000,000. It will embrace all the principal mills of this country and will have a daily capacity of 95,000 barrels of flour, consuming in this manner about 500,000 bushels of wheat. The trust was formed by Thomas McIntyre, a promoter, who, after working for many months with untiring energy, accomplished his ambitious project. Mr. McIntyre for nearly a year tried to convince Richard Glynn, president of the Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company, of the feasibility of his scheme. Mr. Glynn left London and came, at Mr. McIntyre's invitation, to this country last summer. Together they visited the principal mills. Mr. Glynn, however, could not see a large enough benefit in the combination to warrant its formation. New York conferences were held in this city, but they all ended in Mr. Glynn refusing to enter the scheme.

Mr. McIntyre, however, was not discouraged, and when the British millionaire sailed for England last October he accompanied him. Upon arriving in London he canvassed the principal stockholders of the Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company with such success that a special meeting was called. It was at this meeting that Mr. McIntyre is said to have finally convinced the stockholders and to have accomplished his purpose. The following mills will, it is said, form the trust: Hecker-Jones-Jewell, New York; Pillsbury-Washburn and Northwestern Consolidated Flour Milling company, Minneapolis; Imperial Mill company, Anchor mills and Daisy mills, Duluth; William Lippman mill's, Free-man's mills and Minkota mill's, Superior and Daisy mills, Milwaukee.

### Borrowing Wheat.

Considerable comment has been heard around the Winnipeg grain exchange regarding the alleged "borrowing" of wheat by shippers from Fort William, to make up shortages in space. It is alleged that parties who were loading boats at Fort William, and who were short of wheat to fill the space contracted for, have been able to borrow what they required from the Fort William elevators, thus enabling them to fill their space without being compelled to buy spot wheat. If the elevator authorities have "loaned" wheat in this way, it is, of course, some other dealer's wheat which has been loaned. This, of course, would have a depressing effect upon the market. If shippers were not able to "borrow" wheat, they would have been compelled to come into the market and purchase. Holders of wheat in store at Fort William would thus be robbed of an opportunity of selling their wheat, by the very fact that the wheat that they were holding had been loaned by the warehousemen to the prospective purchaser. The Commercial is not able to vouch for the truth of the statements that wheat in store at Fort William has been dealt with in this way, nor to what extent, if any, the "loaning" business has been car-

ried. That it has been done, however, is freely asserted about the grain exchange.

### Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago the quotations given below show a falling off of 20c in the price of first patents flour, 15c on seconds, an advance of 50 to 75c on shorts, an advance of 50c on bran and corn feed, a decline of 1-2c on corn, a decline of 7-8c on oats, a decline of 1-4c on flaxseed, a decline of 1c on eggs, a decline of 3c on creamery butter, choice, and of 1 to 11-2c on seconds, do., a decline of 1 to 2c on oil dairy, and a decline of 1 to 11-2c on ducks and geese.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.50 to \$3.55; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.30.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$9.00 to \$9.50; bran in bulk \$9.50 to \$10.00; corn feed \$12.50 to \$14.00 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 30 for No. 3 yellow, and 29 1-2 for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 26 for No. 3 white and 25 3-4 for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 39 to 45c; feed quoted at 36 1-2 to 38c.

Flax seed—99 1-4c per bushel.

Eggs—20c for strictly fresh including cases; held fresh, 15 to 17 1-2c; seconds 10c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1-2c; fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 18c to 20c for choice to extras; seconds 15 to 15 1-2c; dairy 14 to 18c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12 to 13c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 7c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal 5 to 7 1-2c.

Potatoes—Car loads, mixed, 24 to 30; straight varieties 32c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 5 to 7c; hens 4 1-2 to 5c; roosters 4c; turkeys, 7 to 9 1-2c; ducks and geese 5 to 6c, all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-4c for No. 1. 9c No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 3-4c; sheepskins 10 to 70c each; veal calf, 9 to 10 1-2c; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1-2 to 15 1-2c.

HAY—\$5.50 to \$7.00 per ton, timothy; mixed clover \$6 to \$6.50.

### Tenders.

Tenders are being requested for furnishing the eastern judicial district gaol with supplies for the year beginning 1st January, 1899. The supplies required consist of meat, bread, groceries, clothing and other articles. The time for receiving tenders will expire on the 24th day of December, 1898.

Tenders are invited for cutting and teaming from five hundred to a thousand cords of firewood for the Sawhill mine. Tender may be for cutting only, or for hauling only, or for both combined. Average distance of haul two and a half miles. Work to be commenced at once. Address J. P. Williams, manager, Sawhill, Port Arthur.

Tenders will be received until noon on Monday, the 16th day of January, 1899, for a permit to cut timber on Berth No. 831, comprising Section 11, township 18, range 7, east of the principal meridian, in the province of Manitoba, containing an area of one square mile, more or less. The regulations under which a permit will be issued may be obtained at the office of the crown timber agent at Winnipeg. Tenders to be addressed to John R. Hall, Department of Interior, Ottawa.

### New Oatmeal Mill.

The Winnipeg oatmeal mill, formerly operated by Mr. Nairn, and which was purchased some months ago by the Ogilvie Milling Co. is again in operation. The mill has been completely remodelled. All the old machinery was taken out and everything is new and of the very latest make. The building has also been enlarged very materially. Samples of meal from the new mill were shown this week, and as one dealer expressed it, are the finest he ever saw. The first meal from the mill was placed on the market here yesterday and was on sale at the flour and feed store of W. G. Douglas.

### Wheat from the New Line.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have received four cars of wheat shipped from St. Anne, which is the first wheat forwarded from the line of the new Winnipeg Southeastern railway, recently put in operation. There is an excellent farming country about St. Anne, which will no doubt develop rapidly, now that it has railway communication. There is as yet no grain storage accommodation along this line and all grain shipped has to be loaded into cars direct from wagon or sleigh.

### Further Changes.

The C. P. R. time changes are given on another page. Since this was printed, a further change has been made. The Brandon local will be dropped and a mixed train will be run daily. It will leave Winnipeg at 6.30 a.m., and Brandon at 12.30.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines," by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanzas for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address F. T. Barber, Sec. Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

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