

The Bountiful Harvest of 1891.

ITEMS ABOUT THE CROPS CLIPPED FROM TIME TO TIME FROM EXCHANGES DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

At Miami the crops are as large as was anticipated; in some instances more. John G. Blair, who farms one mile south of here in tp. 4 r. 6, on twenty-one acres averaged 56 bushels to the acre, No. 1 hard, and had a crop of oats which averaged 25 bushels to the acre.

Threshing is well under way at Treherne. The yield of wheat is good, being from 30 to 40 bushels to the acre.

W. H. Elford, of Carman, has threshed 650 bushels of barley from 10 acres of ground.

Quite phenomenal crops of oats are heard of about Grenfell. Rowley & Chapman report 55 to the acre, and also from one bag of white Fyfe sown on turnip land, 57 bushels, and 44 bushels from two bushels of Ladoga. Here are facts for an immigration agent.

T. Chapman, Bird's Hill, Winnipeg, threshed 45 acres of wheat from the stock last week. Yield 30 bushels to the acre and a fine sample.

J. G. Reid, south of Moose Jaw, has threshed out 100 bushels of oats to the acre.

The Smith boys, of Regina district, report a phenomenal wheat yield from a ten-acre field on a farm six miles north of the town. This patch took 65 pounds of twine to bind it. It was threshed Friday and yielded 550 bushels, 55 bushels to the acre.

Mr. Mitchell, of Pheasant Plains, Assa., who threshed part of his wheat recently, has a yield of over 2,000 bushels of No. 1 hard from 40 acres.

Gilles Bros., of Whitewood, threshed 69 acres of wheat for D. McIntosh that averaged 35 bushels per acre—eight acres of this averaged 56 bushels per acre, and 22 acres averaged 40 bushels per acre.

John Thompson, of Bell Plain, near Qu'Appelle, threshed his wheat last week, which yielded forty-two bushels and ten pounds per acre for his entire crop of twenty-five acres. He expects a number of his neighbors will have considerably more per acre than he had.

Threshing on Brown Bros. farm north of Regina has been in progress for some time, and the returns are extremely satisfactory. The yields are from 30 to 47 bushels per acre. One field of 33 acres yielded 47 bushels of wheat to the acre. Mr. Brown actually sold 47 bushels to the acre, so there can be no mistake about it. When the threshers have completed their job, the Brown boys will have to their credit the comfortable little grist of 12,000 bushels of grain.

Threshing operations are now in full swing, says the Fort Qu'Appelle *Vilette*, and the results of the harvest in some localities are proved to be even greater than were at first anticipated. We hear of some fields averaging 46 bushels to the acre.

Farmers west of Clearwater who are threshing find wheat turning out from thirty to forty bushels to the acre and the grain is of excellent quality.

A correspondent at Grenfell, Assa., writes: "Results far beyond former expectations reach us from the threshing machines. Thirty bushels to the acre of wheat is probably the lowest we

shall hear of, while as the grain is turning out 30 to 40 bushels will be no exaggerated average, and 75 per cent. will grade No. 2 hard or better." Many other reports from various points say that threshing is turning out better than expected.

Wm. Thompson, of Oak Lake, has threshed 6,800 bushels of wheat, and the thresher is still at work. He had 300 acres in crop. E. Dickson has about 4,000 bushels of No. 1 hard. W. Chambers threshed 3,000 bushels, averaging over 30 bushels to the acre.

Threshing is about through at Carievale, Assa. The yield has exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. The lowest average for wheat heard of was twenty-seven bushels to the acre and the highest sixty-two bushels. The last mentioned phenomenal yield was that of eight acres of backsetting belonging to W. J. Foster, of Sec. 10, 3, 32. From this eight acres he had 496 bushels of No. 1 wheat. Summer fallow averaged about 45 bushels to the acre. Taking the whole settlement the average for wheat will be thirty-five bushels, and oats about sixty bushels to the acre.

J. A. McKay, of Regina, threshed last week and had 50 bushels to the acre. S. B. Gregg has threshed 1,000 bushels of wheat and 2,300 of oats. The wheat averaged 37 bushels and the oats 80 bushels to the acre.

Chas. Martin, of Vascana, finished threshing on Friday. He has 3,340 bushels of wheat from 63 acres—an average of a little over 53 bushels to the acre. Some of it went 60 bushels.

Malcolm McLeod, of Edmonton, Alberta, has finished threshing for the season and reports the result as follows: Wheat, 9,045 bushels; oats, 17,202 bushels; barley, 9,200 bushels, making a total of 35,447 bushels threshed in 40 days. He reports that Alex. McNabb, of Stony Plain, had 53 bushels of red fife wheat per acre, off 12 acres, which weighed 64 pounds to the bushel. All wheat at Stony Plain went 40 bushels or over to the acre. Alex. Adamson, of Clover Bar, had 48 bushels of wheat per acre, of six acres. Before the total grain threshed in the district can be obtained returns will have to be received from several other threshers which have been working steadily all fall.

Phil and W. Johnston, of Deloraine, got through with threshing a few days ago, securing the magnificent total of 9,800 bushels of wheat, and 3,000 bushels of oats. Their farm is on 14 2-24, and they had 350 acres in crop. An average of nearly 37 bushels to the acre on 350 acres.

J. E. Cranston, who farms near Lennox, made a test of his crop yield when he was threshing. He measured off eight acres and had it threshed separately, and got 402 bushels of fine wheat.

M. B. Wilson & Son, of Deloraine, raised from 400 acres of land, 14,470 bushels of No. 1 wheat, and from 75 acres of land, 4,620 bushels of oats; and off of 12 acres of land 483 bushels of barley, making in all 19,573 bushels of grain from 547 acres of land this year of 1891.

A. Condie, of Deloraine, obtained 49½ bushels per acre, by measure.

From 485 acres, D. Wright, of Deloraine, secured 14,275 bushels of wheat.

A. Cassils, of Deloraine, threshed 61½ bushels of wheat, per acre, from a portion of his crop.

The Deloraine *Times* gives the names of a score or so of farmers in that district who have from 30 to 40 bushels of wheat per acre.

Commercial Travellers.

The Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association held its annual meeting at Montreal on Dec. 19. Fred Hughes, retiring president, occupying the chair. The annual report was read and showed that 318 new members had joined while 257 had renewed, making a net increase of 71. During the year nine members had died, and \$6,170 had been promptly paid to their heirs. The total income was \$27,721.64 and the expenses, including insurance indemnity 11,841.62, leaving a balance of \$15,880.02, which raises the capital account to \$108,012.02. The committee announced that they were in treaty with the railway companies about further reductions, and also that the London Guarantee and Accident Insurance Co. have further reduced the members' rate for accident insurance. The result of the election was as follows:—President, Fred. Hughes (re-elected); vice-president, R. C. Simpson; directors, Alf. Elliott, James Gardiner, John E. Wright, R. G. Stokes and Charles Gurd.

The Northwest Aerated Water Co. have the thanks of THE COMMERCIAL for an assorted case of their excellent manufactures.

From 9,000 to 10,000 bushels of wheat were marketed per day at Morden News week. About 400,000 bushels have been received this season to date, says the *Monitor*.

The flaxseed received at Chicago during the first eleven months of this year, according to the report of flax Inspector S. H. Stevens, was as follows: No. 1, 10,222,950 bushels; rejected 308,050 bushels; no grade, 201,300 bushels. In addition to the foregoing, 44,000 bushels were received that were not inspected. The receipts during the same period of 1890 were: 6,045,000 bushels No. 1; 449,500 bushels rejected and 264,500 bushels no grade.

The exports of wheat from India during the week ended December 19, were 1,120,000 bushels, of which 800,000 bushels were to the United Kingdom and 320,000 bushels to the continent. The shipments for the corresponding week of 1890 were 530,000 bushels. Total shipments since April 1 were 43,460,000 bushels of which 20,360,000 bushels were to the United Kingdom, and 22,090,000 bushels to the continent. The total shipments for corresponding time last year were 20,860,000 bushels of which 15,020,000 bushels were to the United Kingdom and 5,840,000 bushels to the continent.

Shipments of flour and wheat to Europe from all quarters, during the week ended Dec. 19, were as follows: To the United Kingdom, equal 5,110,000 bushels, to the Continent 3,720,000 bushels, total, 8,830,000 bushels. Shipments during the previous week, 8,550,000 bushels. Requirements, 7,000,000 bushels. Advance in prices checked by heavy shipments, especially from United States Pacific coast markets. The clearances of flour and wheat to Europe since August 1—twenty weeks—as cabled to the *Daily Trade Bulletin*, have been as follows: The United Kingdom, 83,800,000 bushels; to Continent, 99,985,000 bushels; total, 183,785,000 bushels. Requirements, 140,000,000 bushels.