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WHEAT AND FLOUR.

Owing to the fine quality of the new crop of winter wheat in Ontario, the eastern demand for both flour and wheat from Manitoba is likely to be considerably curtailed for the next year. The new crop is said to make a very fine sample of flour and the wheat possesses unusual strength. It is worthy of particular note here, that this new wheat is being purchased at a comparatively much lower price than is asked for the Manitoba article. This not only checks the demand for Manitoba wheat, but it also puts Manitoba millers at a great disadvantage in catering for the eastern flour trade. This new winter wheat was quoted recently as much as 20 cents per bushel under No. 1 Manitoba hard, a difference which is altogether out of proportion to the value of the respective wheats. Ontario grades of flour have declined as much as \$2 per barrel at Montreal from the top quoted a short time ago when the boom was on. New winter wheat flour, it is said, has been offered in calf lots at Montreal as low as \$3.25 per barrel, while Manitoba strong bakers was quoted at \$4.40 to \$4.50. With such a difference in the price there will probably be a tendency to check the sales of Manitoba flour in the East, unless Manitoba prices can be reduced to nearer a parity with Eastern wheat and flour. The Montreal Trade Bulletin

says of the new winter wheat crop:

The quality of the new Ontario winter wheat is simply perfect, several ears of red winter having been received here weighing 63 lbs to the bushel, and its condition has never been surpassed. The kernel is large and plump, and as hard and dry as old wheat.

A CITY OF HOMES.

Winnipeg has undergone a wonderful change in the principal residential portions of the city within a year. The change has been so great and so rapid that even residents of the city itself are surprised on visiting some streets through which they may not have passed for some time. While many fine business blocks have been erected within a few years, the changes on the principal business streets have not been so great as in the best resi-

dential districts. It used to be said that Winnipeg business men were only temporarily residing here. That they came to make what money they could, and they would leave the country whenever circumstances were favorable for a change. This may have been true of a class of speculators who infested the country some years ago, and whose removal is a matter for very little regret. Time has shown that the statement was not true of our commercial population, for they are still here, and the first residences which they occupied have given place to handsome, substantial and comfortable homes.

It is quite true that for many years Winnipeg was not an attractive residence city. While the soil of the district is a No. 1 for growing grain and vegetables, it is about as bad as it is possible to find anywhere for roads. When affected by a series of rains, the conditions of the streets becomes simply impassable. While the city was making rapid progress in other directions, the city council dealt with the question of street improvements in a most dilatory manner. Within the last two or three years the council has got down to business in the matter of street improvements, with the result that a wonderful change for the better has come over the scene. While the streets were hitherto deep in mud, or ugly in their roughness and unevenness, there were little encouragement for the citizens to improve and beautify their premises. As the work of paving the streets has gone ahead, so also has the work of establishing beautiful homes. Handsome buildings have been erected, lawns and boulevards have been laid out, trees and shrubs have been planted, and everywhere has been shown a



WINNIPEG HOMES—A GLIMPSE OF BROADWAY
Amateur Vibe Camera Photo

keen desire to beautify the surroundings. Winnipeg, in fact, is fast becoming a city of beautiful homes. The accompanying view gives a glimpse in the best residential portion of the city.

Crop Estimates.

Mr. S. A. McGaw, secretary of the Dominion Elevator company, who has just returned from a tour of the province during which he made a careful inspection of the grain crop was asked by a Free Press reporter for his estimate of the probable yield in the various wheat producing centres. In reply Mr. McGaw said: "I will divide the districts as follows: from Winnipeg to Manitou, from Winnipeg to Stockton, from Winnipeg to Brandon along the Morris-Brandon branch as far as Hiltou; on the Dauphin railway, and along the M. & N. W. line all the way through. I think these districts will give the best yields this season and better than any they have had for some years past. There