

Grain and Milling.

J. D. Kippen will buy wheat at Russell, Man., this season.

Hon. T. Greenway is erecting an elevator at Crystal City, Man.

W. B. Moore has made arrangements for the erection of an elevator at Strathclair.

James Pye, flour mill builder of Minneapolis, was on one of his frequent visits to Manitoba last week.

Portage la Prairie, Man., has four elevators and another large one building. Total capacity then about 300,000 bushels.

Portage Milling Company is building a second elevator at Portage la Prairie. Its capacity will be 50,000 bushels. This will give the Milling Co. storing capacity for about 175,000 bushels of grain at the mill. An electric plant for lighting purposes is also being put in the mill.

The belief is current to some extent in Ontario that the official crop report of the local government rather underestimates the wheat crop of the province. One well informed trade journal asserts that Ontario will have a total crop of winter and spring wheat of 30,000,000. This is 6,000,000 greater than the official estimate.

Items About Trade.

Wholesale shoe dealers in session at Toronto, have decided to advance prices 5 to 7 per cent.

Oatmeal was quoted easier at Toronto last week at \$5 for roller and \$4.90 for standard per barrel.

At Montreal dried apples are quoted at 7 to 7½c. Evaporated apples are firm at 14 to 14½c per pound.

Granulated sugar was advanced ½c at Montreal on Sept. 5, to 6½c, owing to strength at New York.

T. Toronto Empire, of September 6, says: "Local jobbing prices of granulated now stand firm at 6½ to 7c with a probable further advance. New York advanced ½c to-day, making granulated there 6½c."

Hides are firm at Toronto. Dealers are paying 7c for No. 1 cows and are holding average cured at 8c. Sheep and lamb skins are quiet but firm, with buyers at 75c. Tallow is steady and in good demand. Dealers are paying 4½c to 5c outside and are selling rendered on spot 5½ to 5½c. Rough steady at 1½ to 2c here. Wool—A good many small lots of fleece are coming in but there is no demand for export. Buyers are paying 21 to 21½c for average quality.

The Montreal Gazette says of the tea market: "The tea market has been very active during the week, and it is estimated that 5,000 half chests have changed hands. Teas which sold on Wednesday at 12½ to 14c were held for 1c advance to day, one lot of 370 half chests of blacks changing hands at an advance of 1½c per pound. Japans worth 15 to 18c are unobtainable except to arrive a long way off, a number of invoices being sold for teas which will not arrive for two months. Agents representing Japan houses are being cabled to withdraw all teas except at an advance of 1 to 1½c over last week's quotations. The advance in blacks has been even more marked, and orders for 500 and 1,000 package lots sold at the limits given the agent per last mail (subject to market changes) are being refused, an advance of 1 to 2c being asked in all cases."

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