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Grain and Milling.

Jas. Massie has been recommended by the Winnipeg board of grain examiners, for the position of deputy grain inspector.

The *Northwestern Miller* has resigned its position as the official newspaper of the Millers' National Association of the United States.

Mitchell & Bucknell, of Millwood, Man., propose erecting a 25,000 bushel elevator this season, in connection with the roller mill at that place.

H. Moores, of Moores & Co., grain merchants of Kingston, was in town last week. This firm handled a quantity of Manitoba cereals last year.

The *Brandon Sun* of Thursday last says:—Harvesting in this district is now general. The barley crop has been a very good one and it has been harvested in good shape. The weather never was more favorable for the general gathering of the crops.

Chicago Daily Business:—Rates to Buffalo are steady and firm on the basis of 3½¢ for wheat, 3¢ for corn and 2½¢ for oats. The Erie canal rate is quoted at 5½¢ for wheat, 5¢ for corn and 4½¢ for oats. The Georgian Bay rate is steady at 2½¢ for corn and 2¢ for oats.

Smith & Brigham are getting the Assiniboia roller mills at Moosomin, Assa., into working order. They are putting in a new engine and boiler of 100 horse power, and are instituting many other important changes. A spur track to connect with the C. P. R., will be put down.

Edgar, grain dealer, of Brandon, now sports a silk hat sent him by the late John Ogilvie as a result of a bet made last fall that a million bushels of wheat would not be marketed at Brandon last fall. The million was reached, and Mr. Ogilvie paid the bet. This makes Brandon the largest primary wheat market in Canada.

A New York circular says:—The bull side of the wheat market certainly has never had better statistical backing since 1879. Speculative trading at New York during last week aggregated 80,000,000 bushels, against 25,597,000 bushels in the previous week, and 85,000,000

during the panic week in June, 1887. The export demand is active. Shipments of wheat (and flour as wheat) both coasts last week aggregated 2,336,020 bushels; in the like week last year the total was 4,021,000 bushels. The exports from July 1 to date are 10,441,308 bushels. One year ago the corresponding total (eight weeks) was 32,949,899 bushels.

An exchange gives the following as the origin of Fife wheat:—About the year 1842, David Fife, of the township of Ottonabee, Ontario, purchased from a friend in Glasgow, Scotland, a quantity of wheat which had been obtained from a cargo direct from Dantzic. As it came to hand just before spring seed time, and not knowing whether it was a fall or spring variety, Mr. Fife concluded to sow a part of it that spring and wait the result. It proved to be fall wheat, as it never ripened, except three ears, which grew apparently from a single grain. These were preserved, and although sowed the next year under very unfavorable circumstances, being quite late and in a shady place, it proved at harvest to be entirely free from rust, when all wheat in the neighborhood was badly rusted. The product of this was carefully preserved, and from it sprung the variety of wheat known over Canada and the northern states by the different names of Fife, Scotch and Glasgow.

THE victim of a hanging dies from taking a drop too much.

IN the grocery business, "the weigh of the transgressor" is about fourteen ounces to the pound.

PATRON—"Waiter, how's this?" "How's what?" "I found this cigar-holder in the soup." "Well, well! I'm glad of that. I've been hunting for the hanged thing an hour."

Jas. McEwan, of Minneapolis, was at Calgary recently. Mr. McEwan, says the *Tribune*, was here in 1883 and 1884, and was one of the first to prospect the timber limits on the Red Deer for the Alberta Lumber Co. It is thought that his visit is in connection with the Lumber Co., or perhaps the Alberta & Athabasca Railway.

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