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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 28, 1896.

Manitoba.

W. R. Snellgrove is establishing a fishing industry at Lake Winnipegosis.

G. Hall, late of Hal & Dagg, Killarney, has opened a butcher shop at Cartwright.

Freizen & Janzen have opened a general store at Greta. This makes seven general stores in Greta.

The new hotel being built by H. Braun at Greta will be a handsome structure, two stories high with a seven foot basement all of brick and will cost \$10,000.

Wednesday night an attempt was made to force the safe of Schultz & Hanson's general store in Altona. The outer door was bored through. When the inner door was struck no impression could be made on the hardened steel plates to force the door, and the job was given up. The sum of ten cents left in the till was the robbers secured.

Alberta.

The Eau Claire Lumber company of Calgary has opened a branch office at Regina with W. L. Ollsen as manager.

The firm of Stone & Co., pork packers, etc., of Calgary, has become a joint stock company and will carry on business on a much larger scale than formerly. It is proposed to keep on hand, in cold storage chambers, all goods of a perishable nature.

The Edmonton Bulletin says: "G. Blake received a bushel of fall wheat from Ontario last year which he sowed on his farm at Horse Hills the middle of August, 1895, on now breaking. It sprouted last year and ripened early this year, giving a splendid crop and lots of straw."

Northwest Ontario.

A movement has been inaugurated at Rat Portage to establish a mining exchange.

Grain and Milling.

On Wednesday 20,000 bushels of wheat were marketed at Deloraine.

A movement is on foot in the United States in favor of organizing a national association of grain dealers.

Grain futures are now and will hereafter be sold by the cental on the San Francisco Produce Exchange, instead of by tons, as has been the practice heretofore,

The Miller, of London, England, quotes approvingly the remarks of The Commercial regarding the difficulties in the way of doing a profitable export flour trade, and adds the statement that "this is sonso as well as fact."

The committee on eastern grain standards will meet at Toronto on Sept. 25. Very little change is expected in this year's standards. Not much Ontario wheat has been received yet, but the red wheat is showing a good sample fully up to last year's grading. Oats also are good except in the western districts where the sample is light.

The feature of the flour market yesterday says the Montreal Gazette of Sept. 19, was a sale of 2,000 sacks of Manitoba strong bakers on London account at an advance of 6d over previous sales.

Leitch Bros. flour mill, at Oak Lake, Man., has been shut down for a few days for overhauling, preparatory to starting on the new crop. This is one of the most successful mills in Manitoba. It is kept running very steadily and turns out a fine quality of flour.

D. Moore, of Arden, Man., has bought Shaw Bros. flour mill in the Lake Dauphin district, and will add some new plant thereto.

Miller Bros., of Douglas, Man., have bought the farmers' elevator at Rapid City.

Items about the Crops.

Sidney, Sept. 18.—Wheat is nearly all stacked and threshing is in full swing. The average is 15 to 18 bushels.

Carberry, Sept. 21.—The result of the threshings of wheat is very disappointing. Where 30 bushels to the acre was expected from 20 to 22 is being realized; where 20 was expected, 12 to 15 is the result; and on light land, where from 12 to 15 was considered to be a conservative estimate, from 6 to 10 is the output. On the whole, the thresher reveals that we have one-third less wheat than we expected. The average, on the whole, will be from 12 to 15 bushels per acre.

Indian Head, Sept. 19.—Some of our farmers who have finished threshing are quite satisfied with the yield per acre and quality of the grain. Crops on the experimental farm are much better than had been the case in any previous year; the yield is larger, the grain more plump, and much better matured. Some oats, barley and peas recently threshed show the following enormous yields per acre:

	OATS.	
	Bush.	Lbs.
Holstein Prolific	103	28
Bavarian	91	16
White Monarch	91	2
Improved Ligowo	92	32
Banner	114	4
Abundance	106	26
American Triumph	97	22
Doncaster Prize	95	10
Wideawake	90	
Early Gohland	85	10

	BARLEY.	
Mensary 6-rowed	71	42
Odesa 6-rowed	62	24
Oderbruch 6-rowed	65	10
Trooper Hybrid 6-rowed	67	14
Rigid Hybrid 6-rowed	60	20
Canadian Thorp 2-rowed	83	16
French Chevalier 2-rowed	73	16
California Prolific 2-rowed	68	46
Beaver Hybrid 2-rowed	66	32
Newton Hybrid 2-rowed	68	36

	PEAS.	
Centennial	40	
Golden Vane	40	
Potter	38	20
Prussian Blue	38	20
Crown	40	
Mummie	39	40

Greta, Sept. 22.—The new wheat is grading mostly No. 2 hard.

Greta, Sept. 22.—Threshing is completed and reports indicate a yield of from 10 to 12 bushels and sample No. 2.

Carman, Sept. 21.—Threshing is in full swing, the yield is light and the sample none too good. So far there has been very little No. 1 threshed, the bulk being a good No. 2 hard.

Douglas, Sept. 21.—The wheat that has been threshed here is a fair sample, but turning out yield, from 10 to 25 bushels per acre where 17 to 25 was expected. Almost all the wheat coming in now is being stored, farmers evidently expecting better prices. The price at present is 50c.

Raw Furs

Jas. McMillan & Co., say of furs "As we enter the fall of the year there is considerable inquiry regarding the prospect for furs this season, although there are as yet scarcely any receipts. Animals are killed off fast enough anyway, without taking them while the fur is thin. The prospect at present is favorable to low prices, as there is not much demand from United States manufacturers, and the absence of American demand in Europe makes low prices abroad.

The Edmonton Bulletin says: "The Indians are loud in their murmurs against the unscrupulous men who lay poison and set fires in the north, as the loss of their dogs by poison and the driving out of their game by fire, brings them face to face with starvation. These Indians are self-supporting and are alarmed at the prospect of losing their dogs and livelihood and are talking seriously of taking action in their own way against the whites who are responsible for the cruel practices of laying poison and starting fires, and unless these things are prevented serious trouble may arise with the Indians."

Hardware Trade News.

The Montreal Gazette says: "A decided improvement in the demand for cement has to be noted, and the market is active, with a large volume of business doing. Stocks here are light, and all the cement coming forward now is sold ahead, consequently the feeling is firmer, and higher figures are looked for in the near future. Montreal prices are: English brands at \$1.95 to \$2.05, and Belgian at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per barrel, ex wharf. Business in firebricks is fair, and prices rule steady at \$16 to \$21 per 1,000, as to brand. There is a firm feeling in turpentine, and the general impression is that prices have touched bottom. We quote: Turpentine, 37 to 38c; resins, \$2.85 to \$5, as to brand; coal tar, \$3 to \$3.50; cotton waste, 1 1/2 to 5 1/2c for colored, and 7 to 8c for white; oakum, 5 to 7c, and cotton oakum, 9 to 11c. Cordage—sisal, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c for 7-16 and upwards. Pure manilla, 9 to 9 1/2c for 7-16 and upwards, and 10c for smaller sizes."

R. C. McPhillips has issued a new condensed map of the city of Winnipeg and surrounding territory. The map is clear and well printed and shows at a glance all objects of interest. Parks, schools, churches, public buildings, etc., are shown on the map in colors. Circles on the map show the distance from the post office, the post office being taken at the centre of the city. These circles show that the most distant point within the city boundary is about 4 1/2 miles from the post office. Altogether the map is a splendid guide to the city, and with its help any point of interest can be quickly located, even by a person not intimately acquainted with the city.