

Grain and Milling.

Jos. King, of Port Hope, has leased the C. P. R. elevator at Port Arthur, and will do a grain storage business.

Stocks of wheat in store in Minnesota and Dakota country elevators on November 7, amounted to 5,987,000 bushels, showing increase of 728,400 bushels for the week. The stock of wheat in Minneapolis public elevators is 4,530,152 bushels, showing increase of 184,814. The stock in Duluth is 3,860,517 bushels, an increase of 357,027 bushels. The Minneapolis private stocks as computed by Northwestern Miller, are 1,459,000 bushels, showing a decrease of 47,000 bushels for the week. The total supply in Minnesota and Dakota city and country elevators amounts to 15,823,569 bushels, showing an increase of 1,221,241 bushels. The total a year ago was 10,598,715 bushels, an increase of 1,971,607 bushels for that week.

McMillan's mill at Qu'Appelle station, which was idle last year, has been overhauled and is now in operation.

A meeting of the Melita Milling Company, Melita, Man., was recently held, and the following officers were elected: President, A. Trelice; vice-president, J. W. Crawford; J. L. Campbell, managing director; J. Campbell, sec-treas. The stock books are now open. The first general meeting of shareholders will be held the last Tuesday in January next, for the purpose of electing directors, etc., adopting by-laws. It is intended to erect a mill of 200 barrels per day capacity.

The *Sentinel*, of Pilot Mound, Man., says:—Mr. Whitelaw, owner of the flour and oatmeal mill here, has been in town on business connected with his establishment. It is understood that new men will be placed in charge of the mills and that increased attention will be given to the manufacture of oatmeal.

In consideration of the proposed bonus of \$8,000 from the municipality of Springfield, to D. H. McMillan & Bro., to erect a flour mill at Winnipeg, the firm named agrees to do gristing for the farmers of the municipality, at the rate of 10c per bushel, or to exchange flour and mill-stuffs for wheat at stated terms, according to the grade of wheat. For No. 1 wheat, 35 pounds of strong bakers' flour, 12 pounds of bran, and four pounds of shorts will be given, per bushel. The McMillans formerly operated a mill at Winnipeg, which was burned down a few years ago.

The farmers' elevator at Neepawa, Man., is completed. The preference for storage will be given shareholders, but as there is likely to be more room than will be required by them, a limited number of outsiders will be accommodated. The rates for storage are two cents per bushel for the first fifteen days, and one-half cent for each additional fifteen days, until the amount reaches four cents, after which no further charge will be made.

World's Wheat Stocks.

The following table exhibits the approximate available supply of breadstuffs on Nov. 1st., in the United States, Canada and the principle countries of Europe, including the quantity of flour and wheat on passage to Europe—the latter being specially cabled to the Chicago *Trade Bulletin* and carefully collected and compiled by the Liverpool *Corn Trade News*.

	Bushels.
Afloat for United Kingdom	9,000,000
Afloat for Continent	17,500,000
Afloat for orders	900,000
Total afloat	85,500,000
In store—United Kingdom	15,200,000
" " Faanco	10,500,000
" " Russia	17,800,000
" " Belgium, Germany and Holland	14,100,000
Total in store	63,600,000
Grand total foreign supplies	99,000,000
Flour in Canada—64,000 bbls equal	288,000
Wheat in Canada	2,358,000
Flour in U. S.—1,559,000 bbls equal	6,997,500
Wheat in U. S., east of Rockies	58,235,000
Wheat in U. S., Pacific coast	14,509,000
Total American	80,477,500
Grand total	179,477,500
Grand Total Oct. 1st	155,200,000
" " Sept. 1st	112,373,000
" " Aug. 1st	109,824,000
" " July 1st	101,030,000

The Outturn of the Crops.

Statistician Dodge says that returns coming in indicate that the wheat area was larger than the June preliminary figures indicated (39,220,000 acres) and that the total would reach nearly or quite 40,000,000 acres. At 15 bushels per acre this would give a crop of 600,000,000 bushels, and there are many who believe that fully 650,000,000 bushels have been produced. The wheat acreage and average yield the past season have beaten the record in this country, the largest area previously reported being in 1884 (39,475,885 acres) and the largest average yield in 1877, when it was given at 13.9 bushels per acre. The phenomenal character of the year is well indicated by the fact that all cereals have threshed out much better than indicated by their officially reported average condition at harvest, which has led many in the trade to claim that harvest condition was placed much too low. Wheat has threshed out 3 bushels per acre, and oats 3½ bushels better than the average for the 11 years, 1880-90, while barley is 4 bushels and rye 2 bushels above the normal. What corn may yet show is a matter of conjecture.—New York *Produce Exchange*.

Freight Rates.

The Chicago *Trade Bulletin* of Nov. 9, in its weekly review says: "Rather a good demand for all kinds of freights prevailed during the past week, and the feeling was quite firm. The movement by rail was fairly liberal, and rates were well maintained on the basis of 25c flour and grain, and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were in active request and rates were stronger and higher on the basis of 20c flour, 9½c wheat and 9c corn to New York, 9c wheat and 8½c corn to Philadelphia, and 8½c wheat and 8c corn to Baltimore. New England rates quotable at 11c corn and 7c oats. Through freights to Liverpool were in moderate request and firmer in a general way, though there was no material change to note in rates—quotable at 40½ to 42½c flour, 39 to 39½c grain and 58½ to 63½c provisions according to route. Oats to London quotable at 17 to 18c per bus. Rates were firmer and higher to Buffalo, closing at 4c wheat, 3½c corn, and 3c oats.

Grain rates from San Francisco to Great Britain were last quoted at 39s for iron vessels, a decline of 2s.

The Young Recruits.

"The Young Recruits" is the title of an oil painting by Mr. Charles Patterson, one of the most gifted representatives of the younger branch of Canadian artists. Mr. Patterson has displayed undoubted genius in the conception and execution of this charming picture, which will appeal to every lover of childhood as well as every lover of art. "The Young Recruits" is one of the four supplements to be given away with the Christmas number of the *Dominion Illustrated*, which the publishers are sparing neither pains nor expense to make it the most magnificent holiday souvenir ever issued in Canada and far surpassing even their own brilliant effort of last year.

It is announced that Robertson & Son, wholesale grocers, of Kingston, Ont., have withdrawn from the sugar combine owing to the unfair dealing on the part of the combine.

As in past seasons the C. P. R. will this year run a series of excursions to the east, commencing December 1st. The excursions will be run daily until Dec. 30, and tickets will be good for 90 days, but can be extended for a further period. The rate to all Ontario and points in Quebec, Montreal, and west, is \$40. Proportionately low rates are also made to Eastern Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island.

The November number of *The Colonist*, published at Winnipeg, has been received. A marked improvement has been made in this magazine within the past three months and it is now among the most readable of our exchanges. This number contains articles on fall shows, Jewish immigration, and an extended description of the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition. A number of interesting narratives of travel and adventure in western and northwestern Canada gives a spice to its pages.

A Montreal telegram says: The old Radner forges, twelve miles north of Three Rivers, Quebec, have been purchased by the Canada Iron Furnace company, and before the end of the year there will be placed upon the market a quantity of charcoal pig iron which, according to exports, will be superior to the best of the famous Salisbury iron of the United States. Besides purchasing the forges above mentioned with ore rights of over 50,000 acres, the company has secured Lac A'La Turtu, the largest known lake deposit ore in the world.

Grip's *Comic Almanac* for '92 will be the thirteenth issue of that popular annual, and the publishers have determined that it shall break the record for brilliancy, humor and typography beauty. Amongst the features of it will be a double page cartoon, entitled, "The Dickens Christmas Party," in which a large number of our public men will figure in more or less appropriate characters, from the works of the great novelist. Special illustrations are being prepared for the almanac by Mr. Wm. Bengough, Mr. S. J. West, Mr. E. S. Bisbee, Mr. Chas. Broughton, Mr. Bert Thompson, Mr. Chas. W. Bradley, Mr. A. H. Howard, and many other artists, and the letterpress will be, as usual, of a light and amusing character. The work is to be brought out in the highest style of the printers' art, though there will be no increase in price—10 cents. Keep Grip's forthcoming almanac in mind. It will be out sometime in November.