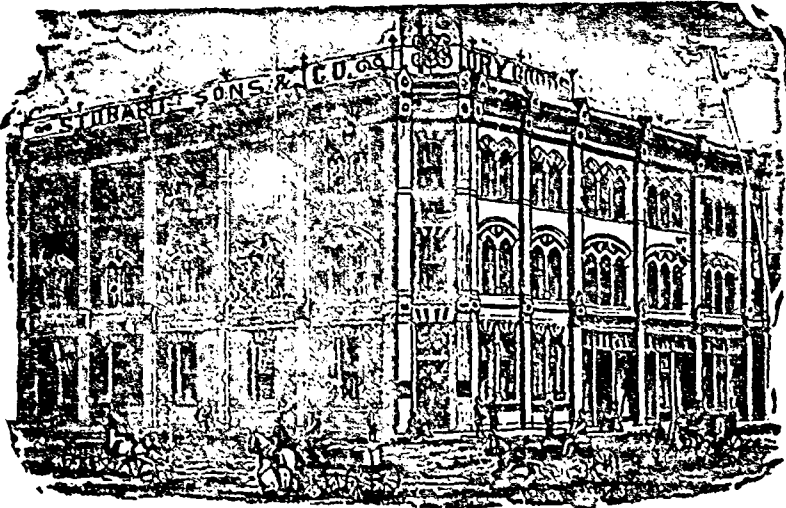


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Grain and Milling.

A movement is on foot to submit a by-law to the municipalities of Silver Creek and Russell to raise a bonus of \$5,000 for the erection of a grist mill in the village of Russell, Man.

Portage la Prairie *Liberal*: Cochrane, head miller of the Portage Milling Co., will shortly sever his connection with that institution and go into milling on his own account at Crystal City, Man.

A meeting was held at Glenboro, Man., recently, in the interest of a flour mill. It was decided to raise the sum necessary, which would be about \$3,000, by private subscriptions, of which sum \$1,000 was made up on the spot between seven subscribers. The building committee will be glad to correspond with any one desirous of erecting the mill.

Geo. H. Kelly, chief miller of the Ogilvie Milling Co., leaves in a few days for a tour of inspection of the flour milling centres of the United States. He will be joined in Milwaukee by Mr. J. M. Clark, formerly chief of the Winnipeg mill, but for the past four years in charge of the Ogilvie Mills in Montreal. The object of the business is to make a thorough examination of all the latest improvements in milling, with a view of introducing some in the Ogilvie system of mills. Mr. Clark will accompany Mr. Kelly back to Winnipeg.

A deputation composed of members of the Winnipeg grain exchange waited on Premier Greenway on Monday and urged that he should make arrangements to procure returns this spring of the area under crop, and continue a system of crop reports for the province. The importance of returns to grain men and business men in general was pointed out to the Premier, who promised careful consideration of the matter. The necessity for some reliable system of crop reports has been felt very much, since the discontinuance of the crop reports issued monthly by the agricultural department of the local government. The service formerly rendered in this respect was very useful to business people, and under the direction of Mr. Burrows the department was really worked up to a great degree of efficiency. It is to be

regretted that the system inaugurated of gathering crop correspondence, was allowed to lapse at all.

At a largely attended meeting of the Millers' association of the counties of Huron, Bruce, Perth, Grey and North Wellington, held at Palmerston, Ont., last week, a resolution was unanimously passed appointing a committee to wait upon the Minister of Customs and call his attention to the depressed state of the milling business in Ontario, and asking to remedy the discrimination against Canadian millers in favor of American millers, in relation to the light duty imposed upon American imported flour as compared with that on wheat.

The fiscal official crop report for 1888, of the United States, according to the Washington bureau the wheat aggregate yield is 414,368,000 bushels, grown on 37,336,000 acres; valued at \$38,424,803. The average yield, therefore, is 11.1 bushels per acre; winter wheat, 11.6 bushels, and spring wheat 10.3 bushels per acre; the average farm value is 92.6c per bushel, against 68.1c for the previous crop, a difference due more to foreign than domestic scarcity. Corn, 1,987,790,000 bushels, grown on 75,672,763 acres, valued on the farm at \$677,561,580, or 34.1c per bushel, against 44.4c for the crop of 1887, a decrease of 23 per cent., the product of 1887 being 27 per cent less in volume than that of 1898. The average yield of the commercial belt, or seven corn surplus states, average 33.2 bushels per acre. The Atlantic coast, south of the Potomac, averages 11.2 bushels of comparatively poor quality. The aggregate for oats is 701,737,000 bushels, grown on 28,998,282 acres, and valued at \$195,424,240. This is 27.3c per bushel, against 30c for the crop of 1887. The commissioner of agriculture says the estimate was for the crop in measured bushels without regard to quality. If reduced to bushels of 60 lbs. it would represent less than 400,000,000 bushels of wheat. The weight will be estimated as usual in March, from records of weighing by millers, from the commercial inspection records, and the results of other investigations. The corn figures represent not merchantable corn, but the aggregate quantity produced. In the Atlantic states especially the

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proportion of soft corn is large, and its value relatively reduced.

Editor's Table.

The latest venture in journalism in Winnipeg is the *Monitor*. Its aim will be to give in condensed form a summary of insurance news relating to the Dominion, but more particularly the Province of Manitoba and Northwest Territories. H. H. Stovel is the publisher.

What has become of our Emerson exchanges? Neither the *Times* nor the *International* has reached the Table for weeks. Our little Rocky Mountain contemporary published at Banff has not put in an appearance for the last two or three months.

The Battleford (Saskatchewan Territory) *Herald*, is now in its eleventh year of publication. The *Herald* is the oldest paper in the Territories, and when it began publication, in 1878, it was the only paper in all this vast territory. To-day there are fourteen weekly papers and two dailies published in the Territories. This will give some idea of the development of the country in the last decade. Battleford was the capital of the Territories in the early days of our northern contemporary. Long live the *Herald*.

A CORRESPONDENT furnishes the following building record for Glenboro, Manitoba, for the past season: A. Cowan, addition to hotel, cost \$2,000; S. McLean, new hotel, \$2,500; James Barr, addition to hotel, \$2,000; Campbell & Stevens, livery and feed barn, cost \$1,100; C. P. R. station, \$1,500; Ogilvie elevator; Logan & Co., elevator; Mitchell & Axford, addition to store, \$300; Mawhinney & Butchart, store, \$1,200; Noble & Johnson, store, \$1,000; Pelkey, store, \$1,200; S. Livingston, addition to store, \$400; R. S. Thompson, addition to furniture ware-rooms, \$400; Watson Manufacturing Company, warehouse, \$400; W. T. Smith, stable, \$500; F. Burnett, office, \$300; Logan & Co., office, \$300; Thornborough and Holland, bakery, \$400; W. H. Miles, house, \$1,000; M. Butchart, house, \$500; Dr. Lipsett, house, \$600; Joseph Bailey, house, \$400; Jas. Hill, house, \$600; Duetta, addition to stable, \$200.