

Milling and Elevator Improvements.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN MANITOBA AND THE TERRITORIES THIS YEAR.

The number of new milling enterprises inaugurated this year in Manitoba and the territories is not great. About this time each season The Commercial gives a review of the progress of the milling and grain trades. As regards milling, it will not require much space to note briefly what has been done.

At Plum Coulee, Man., Geisbert & Weims are establishing a new flour mill. The capacity will be 100 barrels. Stuart & Harper, of Winnipeg, are supplying the plant. The mill will be completed about the first of October.

At Altona, Man., a flour mill is being established by a local company. The Commercial has not been able to learn any further particulars of this enterprise.

At Deloraine, Man., a Mr. Hughes from Ontario, is reported to have recently undertaken to establish a mill, but we have no further particulars.

These are all the new milling enterprises reported this season. In connection with the old mills, the Ogilvie Milling Company is erecting an immense warehouse in connection with its mill in Winnipeg. The warehouse will be 110x150 feet in size and two stories high. It is being built so as to have a large frontage on the railway. The warehouse is being erected on property purchased last year, adjoining the milling property. The warehouse will be fitted up with bag conveyors and all other improvements for handling flour. It will give the company practically unlimited storage room for stocks of flour and millstuffs. The addition of new plant is of frequent occurrence at this mill, but no general changes in the plant have been made this year.

The Lake of the Woods Company have this year established a machine shop on a large scale in connection with their Keewatin mill. A new building was erected for this purpose and fitted up with a first class and very complete plant, including machinery for grinding and corrugating rolls. One machine alone in the plant cost over \$3,000. The machine shop is the most complete of the kind in connection with any mill in Canada, and any work ordinarily required about a flour mill can be quickly performed on the premises.

R. Muir & Co. are erecting a warehouse in connection with their mill at Gladstone, Man., which will be partly used for flour storage, besides which there will be bins for about 12,000 bushels of wheat.

Manitoba is already remarkably well supplied with elevators. Almost every little hamlet or village along the railways has one or more grain elevators, and this fact, combined with the light crop this year, led to the impression that very little elevator building would be done this season. Notwithstanding this, however, quite a number of new elevators are being added to the list, though elevator building has not been as active as last year.

The Northern Elevator Co., of Winnipeg, has now elevators this year, one each at the following places: Napinka, Delcaw, Sewell, Hamiota, Franklin and Ashdown, in Manitoba, and Qu'Appelle, in Assiniboia Territory. These are all about completed. The company will also build an elevator at the second siding on the new Dauphin railway, and a flat warehouse at the first siding of the same road, making in all nine new elevators and one warehouse. The company has also purchased an elevator at Douglas. The capacity of the new elevators will be about 25,000 bushels each, except that at Ashdown, which is about 15,000 bushels.

R. P. Roblin, grain merchant, Winnipeg, is building four new elevators this year, located one each at Gretna, Austin, Delo-

rairie and Killarney, all in Manitoba. The capacity will be about 30,000 bushels each. They are about completed. The Waterous Engine Works Co., Winnipeg, supply the machinery.

R. D. Martin & Co., grain merchants, Winnipeg, are also building quite an extensive line of elevators this year. These are located at the following points: Reston, Nesbit, Nunga and Souris in Manitoba and Carnduff and Carrievale in Assiniboia territory. They are all completed but the one at Souris, which is well under way. The elevators will have a capacity of 25,000 bushels each. The machinery is being supplied by the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. is building two elevators of 50,000 bushels capacity each, at Boissevain and Neepawa, and the elevator at Dominion City has been rebuilt. With these additions to its line of elevators the company will have storage for 2,000,000 bushels of wheat, including storage in connection with its mills at Keewatin and Portage la Prairie.

W. Carson, of Miami, Man., has built an elevator at Rosebank. Plant furnished by the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg.

Dayell & Co., of Souris, Man., have built elevators at Deloraine and Reston. Plant furnished by the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg.

Thos. H. Kellett has built an elevator at Sewell, Man. Plant furnished by the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg. Capacity, 25,000 bushels.

Keller & Dobbys have built an elevator at Whitewater, Man. Capacity 25,000 bushels. Plant furnished by the Waterous Engine Works, Winnipeg.

The Treherne Farmers' Elevator Co. have built an elevator at Treherne, Man., to replace one burned some time ago. Capacity about 70,000 bushels. Machinery furnished by the Waterous Engine Works, Winnipeg.

At Reston, Man., a local farmers' company is building a 25,000 bushel elevator.

At South Edmonton, Alberta, the Edmonton Milling Company has built an elevator in connection with their flour mill.

There may be some enterprises not mentioned in this list, of which we have no definite information. We will be pleased to receive information concerning any elevator or milling enterprises which may have been overlooked.

The Live Stock Trade.

A number of cattle men from the Manitoba and Northwestern district were in Winnipeg last week. Among these were, J. D. Kippan, J. Brown, Russel, A. S. Crerar, T. Almack, Binscarth, A. McMillan, Gladstone, D. W. Mills, Carman. They forwarded a train of 22 cars of cattle eastward.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on September 7, the supply of cattle was smaller, but prices were about the same. The demand from local buyers was better, owing the cool weather, and a better trade was done. There was no demand from shippers on account of the fact that there was no suitable stock on the market for this trade. Really choice beefs were scarce and the best stock offered sold at 3 to 3½¢; fair 2½ to 2¾¢; common 2 to 2½¢, and inferior at 1½ to 2¢ per lb. live weight. There was a good demand for sheep for export, and the bulk of the offerings were taken at 3¢ per lb., while butchers paid \$2 to \$2.50 each. An active trade was done in lambs at prices ranging from \$1 to \$3.50 each as to size and quality.

At the Point St. Charles cattle market, Montreal, on the same day, there was some demand for export cattle, and two loads changed hands at 3½¢ per lb. There was a firmer feeling in the market for live hogs, and prices were 10¢ per 100 lbs. higher, and

sales were made at \$3.85, \$3.90, \$4, and \$4.15 was paid for small lot of choice light weights.

At Chicago on Sept. 11, prices were firmer for hogs of good medium weights, but weak for common lots, whether heavy or light. Heavy sold for \$2.50 to \$3.25; medium, \$2.90 to \$3.35; light, \$2.90 to \$3.40; and pigs, \$2 to \$2.80. Heavy packing pigs sold largely at \$2.95.

At the bi-weekly market at Toronto on September 8, export cattle ranged from 3½ to 4¢. Butchers cattle sold mostly at 2½ to 3¢, a few going a shade higher and poor as low as 2¢. Export sheep 3 to 3½¢, lambs, \$2 to \$2.50 each, butcher's sheep, no demand. There was a drop of ¼¢ per lb. on hogs, the best selections selling at 4¢ per lb. Thick fat hogs were quoted at 3½¢ per lb, weighed off the cars. Light hogs, 3½¢.

Winnipeg Clearing House

Clearings for the week ending Sept. 10 were 952,432; balances, 186,567. For the previous week clearings were 910,925. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 935,519 and for the week two years ago, 711,297. Clearings for the month of August were \$1,616,959, compared with \$3,937,780 for August, 1895, and \$3,695,871 for August, 1891. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

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| Montreal | \$10,316,899 |
| Toronto | 4,798,779 |
| Halifax | 1,078,993 |
| Winnipeg | 952,432 |
| Hamilton | 697,667 |
| St. John | 586,876 |

The Crops.

A large amount of stacking has been done in some sections, but there has been considerable delay caused by showers during the week, the weather having been cloudy and cool all the week, with occasional showers. This has also delayed threshing, as the grain is not hardening to thresh to good advantage while the weather is inclined to be moist. In some districts farmers are allowing their grain to stand to thresh from the stook, which is not a good plan to secure a fine sample. Some new wheat has been marketing and if the weather had been favorable deliveries of new wheat would have been quite active at some points.

Late Business Items.

Edward W. Brydges, boat owner, Rat Portage has assigned.

Mrs. Buisseau, of the Grand View Hotel, Brandon, Man., is dead.

E. L. Smith Co., stationery, Edmonton, Alberta, has sold out.

Hayward & Starr, general store, Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., have dissolved; H. H. Hayward continues.

G. A. Hogarth, general merchant, Mionodosa, Man., has admitted O. Martin as partner, under the style of Hogarth & Martin.

The partnership existing between McPherson & McKenzie, butchers, Pacific avenue, Winnipeg, has been dissolved.

Martin & Lamont Co, Regina, Assa., are applying for incorporation.

Neil MacDonald, general store, Swift Current, Assa., has sold out to W. Melbourne.

E. Langton, flour and feed, Virden, Man., has sold out to A. Madill.

J. L. Wells & Co., hardware, Winnipeg, have added groceries to their business.

Jno. Bray, drugs, Yorkton, Assa., has sold out his stationery department.

S. J. ... business in boots and shoes, at Yorkton, Assa.