

have been made by Mr. John Bangs, formerly of Ottawa, who went to settle near Brandon in Manitoba, and who is reported now to have moved further west near Calgary.

"I have just abandoned 640 acres of as good ground as the sun ever shone on, after I have sunk \$15,000. The first year I had a good crop and got 75c. a bushel for my wheat, then for two years everything was frozen in the ground; this year it was a fair crop, as I got from 15 to 22 bushels of oats to the acre, but all I could get for them was 25c. The second year I was there I got 6,000 bushels of wheat, but all I could get for it was 25c. The cause of this is that the C. P. R. arrange their freights for themselves."

The following is a certificate of a milling firm and of grain dealers and elevator owners in reply to the assertion made by Mr. Bangs:—

"Brandon, January 3rd, 1887.

"We the under-signed grain buyers of Brandon Manitoba, do hereby certify that the statement made by John Bangs and published in the Ottawa *Free Press* of December 11th, 1886, stating that the C. P. railway owned the elevators on the line of railway, and that this is not a wheat country, is not true or correct.

"The C.P.R. does not to our knowledge own an elevator in this country, and the wheat of Manitoba is acknowledged, and justly so, to be superior to any other wheat on this continent. If Mr. Bangs has not succeeded in farming in Manitoba he must attribute the cause to other reasons than stated in his letter."

(Signed)

ALEXANDER & Co., Millers.

D. O. McLaurin, Grain Dealer and elevator owner.

K. CAMPBELL, Grain Dealer and elevator owner.

J. A. MITCHELL, Grain Dealer and elevator owner.

The following is a letter from a farmer in the vicinity, giving his testimony as to the actual facts in contradiction of the statement of Mr. Bangs:

Brandon Jan. 14th 1887.

SIR,—I note in the Ottawa *Free Press*, an interview by reports of Mr. John Bangs' in which he says that myself among others have given up farming.

For the past two seasons I have let my Farm on shares, and as I will not be at home this season, I intend letting it again in a similar manner. Mr. Bangs' no doubt was led into the same error as myself and many others, we were too sanguine and went too fast, or in other words when we commenced here, everything we required, such as cattle, horses, and implements, were at boom prices, consequently we had to make a heavy outlay, which of course requires some time in getting the outlay back in cash, but if the Farmers who have made this expenditure, would sell out the stock purchased as well as the increase of stock, I question if many could show a loss, but would have their capital intact, having the living themselves and of families to the good their lands improved and enhanced in value.

There may be in Mr. Bangs' immediate neighbourhood some of the settlers who have left their lands, but in this locality I am not aware of one single settler, who have left his farm. As to the Elevator grievance, Mr. Bangs' says the C. P. R. own all the Elevators along the line. This is certainly a mistake on his part, I am certain they do not own an Elevator in the town of Brandon, there are five Elevators owned as follows.

Ogilvies, McMillan Bros. McLaurin, Mitchell & Co. and Alexander & Kelly. I am not aware that the C. P. R. own an Elevator other than the receiving Elevator at Port Arthur, which I think is well that they do. If the storage at Port Arthur were in the hands of private parties I do not think the shippers would be long without cause of complaint.

From what I have seen of the C. P. R. as well as in transactions of my own in land matters, I have always found them ready to further the interests of the settler in any way they could.

I was one of the first to purchase land from the C. P. R. with many others, as a rule on instalment principle, and as yet I have never heard of a single case where the company have pressed any settler when in arrears. From what I have seen the C. P. R. have always shown a disposition to further the settlers interest, and why not? The prosperity of the Farmer means the prosperity of the C. P. R. and I cannot think that the managers of the road would attempt in any way to kill the Goose that lays the golden egg.

I am Yours Truly

CHAS. WHITEHEAD,

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