

Grain and Milling Matters.

No. 1 hard wheat at Duluth is selling at a greater premium over No. 1 Northern than ruled on the last crop. During the past summer No. 1 hard sold at only 3c to 3c premium over No. 1 northern. The difference between the two grades has now widened to 1 1/2c on a bushel, and it may go to 2c before long. The reason for this is the much smaller proportion of No. 1 hard in the present crop.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin mistakes the meaning which the Commercial wished to convey in taking our Montreal contemporary to task for stating that the "Manitoba crop would grade mostly No. 1 northern." The Commercial did not wish it to be understood that the bulk of the crop would grade No. 1 hard. We have repeatedly stated, week after week, that the average quality of the present crop would be low. The Commercial has been denounced by certain parties and papers for speaking about the low average quality of this crop. What we wished to correct in referring to the Trade Bulletin was the custom of sizing up the situation so positively before really any reliable estimate can be made. We also gave statistics to show that No. 1 northern is not a leading grade here, as our eastern contemporary seemed to be under the impression that it was the staple grade. From the evidence now at hand it is quite certain that the bulk of the crop will not grade No. 1 northern; but it will grade No. 1 northern and under, including No. 2 hard grade, which is about equal to No. 1 northern in point of quality. The bulk of the crop will be hard wheat, the same as it has been in past years, but it will go more into the No. 2 and No. 3 hard grades, instead of going into the No. 1 hard grade as in the past two years. A good deal more wheat which is hard so far as condition is concerned, will be off grade on account of damage from smut, frost, dampness, etc. There is no reason to believe that the bulk of the crop will go into the northern grades, though there will probably be a moderate increase in the quantity of that class of wheat.

The Northern Elevator Co.'s, now elevator at Winnipeg has not been completed without a fatal accident. A young man recently from Ontario, who was engaged in tinning the elevator, was thrown from the top of the building by an accident to the scaffold, and was terribly mangled by the fall, his head having been crushed to a jelly.

The grades of No. 1 hard and No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth must be entirely free from smut. Under the inspection rules a little smut may be carried in the No. 2 northern, while wheat that is very smutty goes into No. 3 or rejected grades, according to quantity of smut. Both No. 3 and rejected are sold by sample, as is also a large portion of No. 2 northern.

Dairy Trade News.

The cheese factory at Strathclair, Man., closed on Sept. 11.

A meeting of the directors of the Manitoba Dairy Association was held in Winnipeg on Tuesday evening. A resolution was passed denying the statement made by an English paper that filled cheese were made in Canada. Nothing of the kind was ever done in Manitoba, the resolution asserts. It was also resolved, "That it is desirable to make arrangements for having during the coming winter some means of advanced instruction in cheese and butter making, and that the local government be respectfully urged to take the necessary means to that end."

The English paper which announced that Canadian "filled" cheese was being placed in the British markets, has acknowledged its error. The word "Canada," it said, was

used in mistake for cheese made in the United States. The mistake seems to have occurred by a mistake as to the application of the word American. The paper took it to mean Canada. While Canadians are Americans in the wide and correct use of the term, we wish for a more definite term when it comes to charging us with making filled cheese. The people of the United States should also have some definite name by which they could be designated, besides the general term American, which is equally applicable to a Canadian or a Mexican.

Another World's Wheat Estimate.

The Paris Echo Agricole gives the following estimate of the world's wheat crops compared with last season, and the probable imports and exports during the season of 1895-96:

	—Production—		—1895-96—	
	1894-95, quarters.	1894-95, quarters.	Imports, quarters.	Exports, quarters.
Europe....	173,278,000	192,038,000	54,126,000	23,814,000
America . . .	70,032,000	81,154,000	860,000	21,280,000
Asia	36,622,000	39,477,000	1,720,000	8,335,000
Africa	6,533,000	7,300,000	620,000	1,368,000
Australasia	4,332,000	4,705,000	1,170,000

Totals 290,847,000 324,524,000 57,326,000 55,794,000

"At first," says the Echo Agricole, "it will appear contradictory that with a deficit of 30,677,000 quarters in the world's production, the deficit of general consumption is only 4,450,000 quarters, but it must be noted that the exceptionally abundant crop of last year in Europe has enabled very large reserves to be formulated, and for Russia we estimate a probable export of 14,615,000 quarters in spite of a deficit of 10,320,000 quarters in the production of that country."

Silver.

The demand and supply are both moderate, and quotations are consequently almost without change. Silver prices on September 20th were, London, 30 1/2d; New York, 66 1/2c. — Bradstreet's.

The Colonist for September.

The Colonist for September is out. It is the first number by the new publisher, H. S. White, who succeeds the late Mr. Smith as publisher of this useful and interesting journal. The first feature noticeable about the September number is the adoption of a new color for the cover, which is now printed on a very handsome salmon tinted paper. A special feature of this issue is a new map of the Province of Manitoba, which accompanies the number. There is also a colored map of the Winnipeg district, showing lands offered for sale; also schools, churches, dairy factories, post offices, roads, etc. These two special features are alone sufficient to make the September number of the Colonist a very valuable one. There are many interesting articles in the number, such as "The Canadian Land of Goshen," giving some features of various sections of the prairie region of Western Canada; "St. Paul's Industrial School," an article dealing with an Indian School near Winnipeg; "Old Victor," an original tale of old Fort Garry; "An Autumn Day in Manitoba"; "Race Prejudice," besides editorial notes and short articles, all combining to make up a very interesting number.

Some changes are to take place among the managers of the Imperial bank branches in the west. A. Jukes, at present manager at Brandon, will go to British Columbia to take charge of a branch at Vancouver. Mr. Jukes will be succeeded by N. G. Leslie, at present manager at Portage la Prairie, and the latter gentleman by Wilson Bell, accountant of the Brandon office.

Daplessis' tannery and McKane's boot and shoe factory, at Quebec, were destroyed by fire recently. The loss is about \$25,000, covered by insurance. A large number of employees will be out work in consequence.

The stock of A. L. Cameron, flour and feed dealer, Calgary, was badly damaged by fire on Sept. 11th.

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