

Death of Mr John Ogilvie.

There was a feeling of an indescribable character pervading business circles in Winnipeg, on Monday last, when the news spread, that Mr. John Ogilvie, the head of the great Ogilvie Milling Company had died suddenly at an early hour that morning at his home in Montreal. The deceased gentleman although he had never been a permanent resident of this province, was probably as generally known and as universally respected as any man, resident or non-resident, who was ever connected with its growth and progress, and his connection therewith has certainly been a close one during the past ten years.

Some thirty-three years ago Mr. John Ogilvie connected himself with his elder brother (now Senator A. W. Ogilvie) in the milling business in Montreal, the firm being since known in that city as A. W. Ogilvie & Co. Subsequently the firm extended their operations to Goderich and Seaforth, Ontario, where they still own large roller mills. Westward they turned their attentions, and as early as 1878 they commenced the purchase of wheat in Manitoba for shipment to their eastern mills by the Red River in boats, thence to Duluth by rail and thence by lake to the points of consignment. That year the firm shipped out of this province about 20,000 bushels. In 1881 they commenced the construction of their large roller mill at Point Douglass in this city, and as railways extended westward they constructed elevators and warehouses, and placed buyers at different points, until now these can be numbered by the score. With all this progress in the Northwest Mr.

John Ogilvie has been intimately connected, and until the present year, when failing health prevented him, he made his driving tours of hundreds of miles throughout the country, while the crop was still growing and ripening, and each fall was in a position to estimate pretty accurately the yield, quality and aggregate of the crop coming to market. Through all the days of depression after our boom Mr. Ogilvie was the firm friend of the Northwest, and never lost confidence in it, although many possessed of less courage sacrificed and pulled out of it. During the darkest days he and his associates in the Ogilvie Milling Company were steadily extending their operations until the present time, when their annual exports from this country are counted in millions of bushels.

In Mr. Ogilvie's death the Northwest has certainly lost one of its best and firmest friends. But the loss will be severely felt in many other parts of Canada, for by his death the Dominion has lost one of its ablest and most upright business men. One of the old stock who has fought successfully through all the trials of the country, even before the great collapse of 1857.

In this province and in the east, there are smaller circles of more intimate friends, who will feel more keenly Mr. Ogilvie's loss, besides being a whole souled friend, he was a wise councillor and a generous one to men of less experience, who sought his advice. As might be expected he leaves an ample fortune, which doubtless would have been much greater had he survived a few years more, for at the time of his death he and his associates were only beginning to realize with any degree of

liberality from their many years of labor and enterprise.

There is some cause for satisfaction in the fact, that Mr. Ogilvie will be succeeded in the headship of the business by Mr. W. W. Ogilvie his brother, who has been long associated with the deceased in its management, and is consequently eminently fitted for the responsibility which will now fall upon him.

A new weekly paper, the *Commercial Advertiser*, has been started at Montreal, by W. H. Eaton, 568 Craig street.

The new refinery of the St. Lawrence Company is rapidly approaching completion, and according to present calculations it will have sugar on the market by the first of September.

The English Board of Trade returns show a decrease of 2 1/2 per cent. in the June exports to Canada, and 16 1/2 per cent. decrease in the six months to June 30th. The decline is in cotton and worsted goods. The imports from Canada decreased 31 per cent. for the month and 13 1/2 for the six months, largely in oxen, wheat and flour.

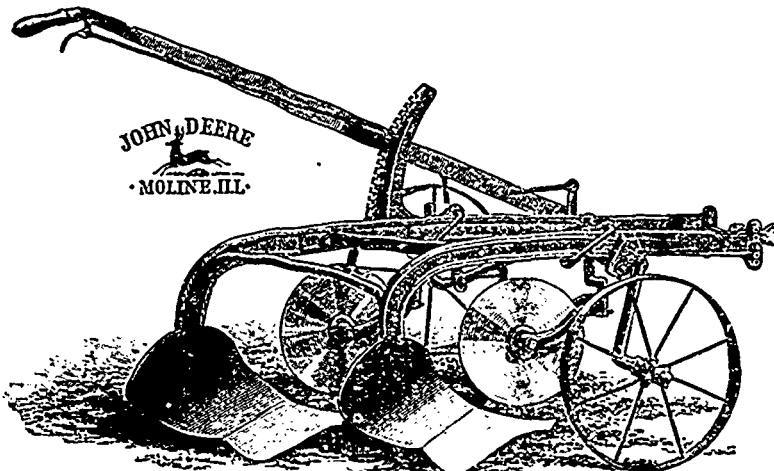
A Montreal tobacconist who had placed in the centre of his store a bronze statuette of Sir John A. Macdonald smoking a cigar, as a gas jet for the use of customers, advertised in the papers that the right honorable gentleman would hold a daily reception on the premises. Sir John took exception to this familiarity, and has instituted an action against him for \$5,000 damages for using his name for advertising purposes.

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