

a guarantee that their flour and surplus wheat could be forwarded upon a through rate, as is now done with wheat from the elevators here and at Fort William.

I think this matter could be arranged with the railway company very easily, and it should be done, so that we could be in a position to continue these negotiations without delay, or initiate others.

Elevator Capacity.

The elevator storage capacity at Port Arthur and Fort William is now about four million bushels, and the Canadian Pacific company proposes to erect during the coming season another elevator of at least 1,000,000 bushels capacity.

The establishment here a year ago, in connection with the Port Arthur elevator, of a system of improved grain cleaning machinery has been successful, and during the year 1892 more than 1,000,000 bushels of the Manitoba crops of 1891 and 1892 were handled at this point. This means a great deal of money paid out for wages, besides adding largely to our lake tonnage and exports.

The Lumber Industry.

The recent sale of timber limits in this District by the Provincial Government warrants one in stating that the saw mill capacity must soon be increased, in order to keep up with the extra supply of sawlogs which will be placed upon the market just as soon as the proposed improvements are completed upon the Pigeon River. Then we shall have not only the Canadian logs brought here to be manufactured, but much of the white pine of Northern Minnesota must come out the same way, and as there is no duty on logs it can be sawed successfully here.

There are said to be at work in the lumber woods of Eastern Algoma this winter some 5,000 men, cutting sawlogs and pulp wood, all the latter and nearly all the former are taken to the United States to be manufactured. There are so few pulp mills in Canada that the pulp wood has, of necessity, to be exported, but the people of Eastern Algoma think it a grievance, and a most serious one, that the hundreds of thousands of dollars, which are annually paid out for the manufacture of these sawlogs into lumber should go into the pockets of Michigan mill hands, instead of to the hardy workmen of Algoma.

When the Ontario Government sold its limits in West Algoma, they wisely inserted a clause in the terms that the timber so bought should be manufactured within the Province.

Manufacturing Industries.

We are still without any manufacturing of consequence being carried on in our midst. The arguments which have been advanced from time to time as to the admirable position which Port Arthur occupies as a manufacturing centre are good; but unless some more powerful stand is taken on the question, and greater efforts put forth to arrive at this much to be desired end, the next few years will see us no further advanced than we now are. Unanimity of action is required on the part of our people—with that and expenditure of moderate sums in the way of bonuses to such enterprises (and there are many) as are certain to be financial successes, we are bound to make this one of the most important centres in Canada for the employment of labor, and the investment of capital.

Blast Furnace.

Quite recently the Town was approached by parties who desired to build a blast furnace.—It was a pity that those negotiations came to such an abrupt