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Grain and Milling News.

There are now three grain buyers at Nowdale, Manitoba.

The engine of the Neepawa flour mill broke down last week. The break is a bad one, and the mill will be closed for some time.

The new well for the McBean elevator, at Morden, Man., has been sunk to a depth of twenty-five feet and an abundant supply of water obtained.

The sum of \$8,000 has been subscribed towards the erection of the proposed mill at Macleod, Alberta. This is 50 per cent. of the entire capital stock, which has been placed at \$16,000. The company will be incorporated at once, under the name of the Southern Alberta Milling Co., and the work will be proceeded with. J. B. Smith, E. Maunsell, D. Grier, are the provisional directors.

Northwestern Miller: The grain elevator business seems to pay very well in Canada, one Montreal company having paid an average annual dividend of 14 per cent. for the past sixteen years, during which time a new plant costing \$125,000 was erected and paid for out of the earnings of the company. It is only a question of time, however, when the excessive charges of elevator monopolists will be regulated by law, if competition does not enforce a reduction which all know is feasible and just.

A local company has been formed at Neepawa, Man., and has applied for incorporation, for the purpose of erecting a mill at that place. The applicants are: J. J. Hamilton, George Brownell, T. Bolton, R. Connell, and W. Brydon. The capital stock is \$30,000 divided into 1500 shares of \$20 each. An estimate of the cost has been made, and if the stock can be floated among the people of the district a mill

of at least 150 barrels per day capacity, with storage and chopping facilities, will be built.

Montreal Trade Bulletin: Western Ontario millers visiting this city during the past week admitted that their recent sales on this market were made at a loss, and this is generally believed by the trade here, as it has cost western millers as much freight on their Manitoba wheat as it would to lay it down here. Then there is the freight on the flour to this city, so that in order to compete with Montreal millers they have had to put up with losses on their flour sold in this market. Some of the large millers are storing their goods until navigation opens when they expect to get more money.

The farmers in the vicinity of Douglas, Man., on the C. P. R., two stations east of Brandon, have held a meeting and will endeavor to raise funds to build an elevator.

James Lang, reeve of Franklin, has offered to build a small roller flour mill at Dominion City, Man., if a bonus of \$2,500 be given. It is said the bonus will likely be granted.

The C. P. Ry. company, it is said, will build a house on each quarter section of land in the Belgian colony, to be located north of Calgary. About 300 families are expected to arrive in time to cultivate their places this year.

Winnipeg Sun: A gentleman in the grain business gave a comparison on rates this morning to a reporter, which will be interesting to those who claim that the C. P. R. rates are reasonable. Take, for instance, he said, Neche station. It costs 40 cents per 100 pounds to send wheat from there to Boston via the United States. Via the C. P. R. the rate is 56 cents, a difference in favor of the United States line of 16 cents per 100 pounds.

Western Notes.

C. B. HALPIN, of Calgary, will start a paper at Banff, Alberta.

Calgary has abandoned the idea of sending a delegation to Ottawa.

F. G. Lewis, of Birtle, Man., recently shipped, to Winnipeg, twenty hundred pounds of butter.

The Watson Manufacturing Co. are increasing their warehouse accommodation at Neepawa, Man.

THE stock of the estate of Cowan & Richard, traders at Battleford, Sask., sold for 30 cents in the dollar.

SHUTE, late of the Lapham hotel, Brandon, has resumed the proprietorship of the stables known as the "Club."

The Massey Manufacturing Co. are preparing for the erection, at Neepawa, Man., of an office and warehouse 24x60 feet in size with a lean to 10x32 feet along the side.

The municipality of Oak River, Man., paid over \$1,000 in money for gopher tails last year. The investment paid them so well that they intend repeating it this year.

Messrs. Hogarth, Patton and Denison have been appointed by the Minnedosa board of trade a committee to confer with a like committee of the citizens committee with reference to taking charge and looking after the immigrant buildings for the coming season.

Macleod, Alberta, *Gazette*. There is no country in the world which presents a more inviting array of advantages to the settler than the Macleod district. The climate is perfect, the soil will grow anything, the country has a charming variety and beauty.

The contract of freighting the boiler of the H. B. steamer being built at the Athabasca Landing from Calgary has been let to J. Norris, sr. The weight of the boiler and its attachments is over 6,200 pounds.

THE stock of E. Tobias, general dealer, Morden, Man., was not sold as advertised on Saturday week. It is understood a private settlement was made with creditors, and the business will be continued as before.

THE style of the new firm of general merchants at Brandon, formed by the union of the houses of James Paisley and C. E. Miller & Co., will be Paisley, Miller & Carscaden, and not Paisley & Miller, as previously reported.

JAS. HERALD, general dealer at Balmoral, Man., whose stock was taken in charge of by creditors lately, has returned from the United States, whither he had gone. The charge of absconding is therefore withdrawn.

QUITE a number of lots of furs have lately been received by Stennett, Gemmel & Co., fur and general commission merchants of Winnipeg, including several large lots. There has been active competition for the furs, and Messrs. Stennett, Gemmel & Co. have been able to obtain good prices for the shipments made them.

DURING February over 100 cars of coal were shipped from the Anthracite mines to the coast, principally for San Francisco, and before the end of this month, it is thought, the output will amount to 250 tons a day. A market has been found also in Honolulu which will consume upward of 100,000 tons per annum.