

Grain and Milling News.

The Ogilvie Milling Company have forwarded a shipment of flour, from their Winnipeg mill, to Japan.

Win. Pieper, formerly of Morden, Man., but who has been living in Ontario for the last year or two, has returned to Morden, and will take his old position in the Ogilvie elevator.

James Jermyn of Minnedosa, Man., was in Winnipeg last week making arrangements for the fitting up of his mill as a roller process one, for which a bonus by-law was lately carried.

Mr. Leitch, Reeve of Oak Lake, who is one of the firm which purchased the Oak Lake flour mill, has resigned his municipal office, owing to the bonus arrangement which the mill has with the municipality.

The first sample of new wheat to arrive in Winnipeg came from the farm of A. D. Irish, of Springfield, sixteen miles from the city. It was received on Monday of last week. The sample was of the White Russian variety, and of No. 1 quality.

Geo. Buckpitt, miller at Balmoral, Man., last week informed S. Spink, grain dealer of Winnipeg that the damage from the hail storm in the Balmoral district had been greatly over estimated. Mr. Buckpitt placed the entire loss at 4,000 to 6,000 bushels. Some farmers who supposed their loss was complete, will yet get a partial crop. The loss, though not great, is very severe upon a few settlers.

Mr. Alexander Mitchell of Montreal, of C. P. R. grain syndicate fame and now connected with the Keewatin milling enterprise, has been letting a Winnipeg reporter into the mysteries of the wheat situation. The cause of the low prices for wheat, he says, is owing to "the low rates of freight to Britain." Evidently what Alexander doesn't know about wheat would fill a large volume.

The grain examining committee of the Winnipeg board of trade, met Thursday afternoon and elected Geo. J. Maulson chairman for the current year. Arrangements were made to gather samples of grain to send down to the annual meeting of the examiners for the Dominion at Toronto next month, at which time the standards are selected for grading all grain marketed during the season.

Regarding the Keewatin flour mill project Senator Ogilvie, being interviewed by a Winnipeg *Sun* reporter, spoke as follows: "Already their company was manufacturing twice as much flour as was required for the local and eastern trade, and when the new company started in on their proposed gigantic scale it would be sure to curtail the operations of the Ogilvies. In his opinion there were at present more mills in the country than were required. He did not, however, see that the operations of the new company could affect Manitoba in a manner otherwise than beneficially. Competition could hardly result in reducing the price of wheat, because there was a certain demand for Manitoba flour which must be had no matter what the cost. The only danger that he foresaw was that the company might obtain a preference in rates from the C. P. R., but from what he knew of George Olds, the general traffic manager, he did not think this

would be done. If it were, the result might be that local buyers would combine and withdraw from the field of competition, but he hardly expected this contingency to arise. Speaking of the crop prospects here, he said they were by all odds the finest he had ever seen anywhere, and was confident Manitoba would have a surplus of at least seven million bushels of wheat.

Northwest Trade and General News.

A. F. Munson, druggist, Shoal Lake, Man., has been appointed an issuer of marriage licenses.

McGregor's brick yard at Morden, Man., has proved a success. The brick are of good quality and color.

A refrigerator car of produce for British Columbia will be forwarded from Winnipeg on August 17th.

There is no better point in Manitoba for the establishment of a bank than Portage la Prairie. Such an institution would be a great desideratum to the business men of that town, and should receive a profitable business.

J. H. Ashdown, of Winnipeg, attended the Board of Trade meeting at Brandon on Friday evening, and gave an address on the Red River Valley Railway.

The steamer Parthia left Yokohama August 7th. Her cargo is 1,750,000 pounds of tea, 220 bales of silk for eastern points, 199,000 pounds of tea for San Francisco, 22 cabin passengers, 7 Japanese and a number of Chinamen. She is due at Vancouver about the 21st.

The managers of the proposed Winnipeg grocers' picnic have decided to invite the city butchers to co-operate in the affair. The rate offered by the C. P. R. of \$1.50 to Rat Portage and return was accepted, and the date was fixed for next Thursday.

A committee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade had an interview on Saturday with the Postmaster-General, to urge an improvement in the postal system between here and Brandon. It is urged that the local train which runs as far west as Brandon on Wednesdays, returning on Thursdays, should be utilized to carry a local mail on those days, there being no through train going west from here on Wednesdays, nor arriving here from the west on Thursdays.

Northwestern Crops.

Jos. Redford, near Winnipeg, threshed oats and barley on August 1st.

F. W. Seymour, Fort Qu'Appelle, has a field of barley which will average about sixty bushels to the acre.

A Wapella, Assa., correspondent writes: "We can safely say the average yield will be double that of last year in this district. Hail has done a little damage."

The Morden *Monitor* of August 11th says: Harvest is in vigorous progress, and by the end of the week the great bulk of the crop will be in stook, if the weather continues favorable.

At Portage la Prairie farmers are well into harvesting, wheat cutting being quite general there last week. The crop gives ample evidence of yielding quite as much as has been looked for,

The crops damaged by hail north of Balmoral, Man., are not as great a loss as was anticipated. A number of the sufferers now say they believe they will secure enough to have bread and seed for next season.

A Moose Jaw correspondent writes on Aug. 9th: Barley is all harvested and a good crop. Wheat and oats are now being cut and with the exception of where the gopher has injured them are a good crop, and farmers are very busy.

A Shoal Lake, Man., correspondent writes: Wheat averages from thirty-five to forty bushels to the acre, and all of fine quality, being full and large, the best crop ever known in this settlement, which is some eight years old.

Qu'Appelle *Progress*: We are pleased to be able to say that those farmers who have waged an incessant warfare against gophers will have a fine crop. In some localities the dry weather has blighted much of the crop, and in others the crops are really good. Some fields of wheat are excellent. Barley and oats will be a good crop.

A Rapid City correspondent writes on August 10th: "Barley and oats are being cut all over this district this week. There will not be much done to the wheat until about the 15th inst. on account of the awfully heavy crops and the late cool weather making it slow to ripen. If the wheat crop all over the province is as heavy as that of Minnedosa County, the reports of the correspondents who estimate a yield of 25 bushels an acre for wheat are below the mark; I am prepared to wager that the County of Minnedosa will return an average of over 30 bushels to the acre this season, and oats, barley, potatoes and every description of crop proportionally as good."

A WINNIPEG tailor, who had been obliged to call frequently upon a delinquent customer for the settlement of "a little bill," was recently checked by the customer with the statement that his coat had been made too short. "It will be long enough before you get another one," gruffly replied the tailor.

THE opening of a bank at Rat Portage would be much appreciated by the enterprising merchants of that place. The keeping of large sums of money at their different places of business is enticing to light-fingered gentry who have operated once or twice lately, though fortunately unsuccessfully. We regard Rat Portage as a good point for a profitable bank business.

At the meeting of the creditors of D. W. Fleury, dry goods dealer, Winnipeg, on Monday last, it was decided to accept an offer from Mrs. Fleury, of 50 cents on the dollar for the stock. The inventory showed the stock to be considerably in excess of first estimates, the full assets being placed at \$24,000. This amount includes a few hundred dollars worth of shop fixtures. In addition to the amount named, there are book debts to the amount of \$2,800, which the creditors of the estate still hold, these latter not being included in the sale to Mrs. Fleury. The liabilities footed up to be between \$24,000 and \$25,000. The estate will, therefore, pay about 50 cents on the dollar. It is understood that cash or about its equivalent was paid for the stock,