

The Crops.

Manager Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific railway, has received reports this week from the company's agents concerning the condition of the grain since the storm of last Sunday and Monday, with estimates of the quantity that has been threshed and is ready for the market at the present time. These reports show that between the city and Portage la Prairie the threshing is about finished. The grain came through the wet weather with a small amount of damage. On the Portage Plains threshing is progressing slowly. The wheat threshed from the stook is not turning out well. The snow fall has prevented much fall work and threshing has ceased owing to owners of machines stating that it does not pay to go out. At Burnside the condition is some better but the effects of the wet weather are felt there. Around Chatter threshing is completed and no damage to the grain has been noticed. The farmers are placing their grain out to dry in bags and this plan is proving satisfactory.

Around Brandon, since the 28th, the weather has been settled and favorable for drying and threshing the grain. Seventy-five per cent of the wheat north of the city and 50 per cent south has been threshed. West of Brandon for some distance, 60 per cent of the grain has been threshed; in the Elkhorn and Fleming districts, 90 per cent; Moosomin and Wapella, 75 per cent. Whitewood farmers state that their samples are good. The weather around Indian Head during the past week has been very favorable. Considerable progress has been made with threshing. It will be completed the last of the week.

Along the Pembina branch line the rainfall was very heavy, but in the Mennonite reserve the conditions are very favorable. Only four loads of damp wheat have been marketed at Rossmore. All the threshing at Altona has been finished, and the grading is No. 1 Northern. In the Gretna district the wheat is grading No. 2 hard. Around Morden very little threshing remains to be done, and the wheat is grading No. 1 and 2 Hard. At Manitou there is considerable damp grain, but most of it will be threshed by next week. At Killarney the percentage of wet grain is only 10 per cent. At Boissevain 75 per cent of the grain will be marketable. Cartwright district reports all the grain threshed and deliveries are heavy.

Along the southwestern branch line the conditions are splendid. At Carman the wheat yield is from 20 to 30 bushels per acre, with an average of 30. Around Rathwell, Treherne, Holland, Glenboro, Storkton and Methven the threshing is finished and the grade is No. 1 and 2 hard.

From Souris to Alameda there is no grain in the stook. The threshers have been busy, and were only interrupted by Monday's storm. The yield is light around Lauder. The average yield in the Emerson district is 20 bushels to the acre and the wheat will grade No. 1 northern. In the Pipestone district the farmers are holding the damp grain for better conditions.

Threshing is being vigorously carried on in the Edmonton district. No wheat of any quality has yet been delivered. The results are equal to last season. The oats will average 37 pounds to the bushel and the wheat will grade No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern.

In the Prince Albert district 90 per

cent of the wheat has been threshed, but the oats have not been touched by the thrasher. Last week was very favorable for the farmers' work, but the snow storm of Sunday has interrupted operations.

The amount of fall plowing done this season covers a small area compared with last year, but with the exception of a few points out of the large number heard from the condition of the grain is excellent, and fully 90 per cent will be marketed. The drying machinery being placed in the elevators in the west and the extensive one for the Port Arthur elevator will greatly assist in restoring the dampened wheat to its high standard.

Manitoba Country Markets.

Prices for wheat to farmers at Manitoba country markets were reduced 1c per bushel at the beginning of the week to a basis of 54c per bushel for No. 1 hard, and other grades in proportion, at points having a 16 1-2 and 17 1-2 cent freight rate to Port William, and this reduction was held throughout the week. On this basis quotations were as follows: No. 1 northern 54c; No. 3 hard and No. 1 northern 50 to 51c; No. 3 hard and No. 2 northern 46c. Prices, however varied greatly in different markets accordingly as they were influenced by local conditions, and at some points 1 to 3c higher was freely paid. At 81 1-2 and 19 1-2 cent freight rate, points, prices are 1c under quotations, and at 20 1-2 cent points 2c under quotations. Deliveries of farmers have been much more liberal this week, ranging from 5,000 to 10,000 bushels per day at some markets.

Western Business Items.

G. L. Goudet, general store, has started at La Salle.

Willie Eadie, has started a general store at Newton.

H. W. Dearman, has opened a coal and wood yard at Brandon.

A. McBride & Co., hardware, Calgary, have sold out their Rossmore, B. C., branch business.

The Lethbridge Co-operative and Industrial association is starting a general store at Lethbridge.

The steam tug Ripple, of Selkirk, has been wrecked at Grand Marais. Hooker & Co. were the owners.

At the second annual sale of the Boyd Ranching Company held at Carberry on Nov. 9, work horses brought an average price of \$130 each.

We regret to have to report a death in the business community of Winnipeg during the past week, that of Robert Paul, a well known market street grocer, due to typhoid fever. Deceased was very popular in trade circles and will be much missed by those who were accustomed to do business with him.

British Columbia Items.

Fred Mills, hotel, Mission City, is deceased.

W. Baker, baker, New Westminster, has sold out to B. F. Dempsey.

Lewis & Chase, bankers, Nelson, have dissolved; E. C. Lewis continues.

Snodgrass, Curthick & Co., hotel, Anacosta, have formed a new co-partnership.

Willard & Robinson, tents, etc., Vancouver, have dissolved; R. Willard continues.

Richard Evans, hotel, New Westminster, has sold furniture and effects at auction.

W. A. Jeffries & G. Cralg, Royal City hotel, New Westminster, are succeeding Richard Evans.

The stock of the estate of W. B. Pease & Co., groceries, flour and feed, etc., Revelstoke, has been sold to I. M. Citron.

John Bray, cigars, fruit, etc., Victoria, has formed a partnership with Wm. P. Bassett, under style of British Columbia Jobbing & Confectionery Co.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago these prices show a falling off of 25c in the top prices for bran and shorts, do 5c on flax seed, an increase of 1c on second quality eggs, do. 11-2c on spring chickens, a decrease of 1c in the top price for turkeys, and a decrease of 1c on bulls, oxen and brands hides.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$3.70 to \$3.80; second patents, \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.50 to \$8.75; bran in bulk \$3.50 to \$3.75; corn feed, \$12.50 to \$13.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 31 1-4 for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 24 1-2c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Malting 37 to 43c; feed quoted at 33 to 36c.

Flax seed—95 1-2c per bushel.

Eggs—17c for strictly fresh, including cases; held fresh, 14 1-2 to 15c; seconds, 9 to 10c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c; fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 20 1-2 to 22 1-2c; seconds, 16 to 17c; dairy 15 to 19c for choice to fancy; seconds, 13 to 14c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 1-2 to 7c; lamb 8 to 10c; veal 5 to 8c.

Potatoes—Car loads mixed, 20 to 27c; straight varieties 28 to 30c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 8 to 8 1-2c; hens, 5 1-2 to 6c; roosters, 4c; turkeys, 7 1-2 to 10c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 7 to 8c; all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides 9c for No. 1; 8c No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands 6 3-4 to 8c; sheepskins 25 to 80c each; veal calf, 9 1-4c to 10 3-4c; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-2c; smelter root, 21 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1-2 to 15 1-2c.

Hay—\$7.50 to \$8 per ton, timothy; mixed clover, \$6 to \$6.50.

"The Canadian Magazine" opens its twelfth volume with November, much to the delight of those who recognize the value of Canadian literature. Its appearance is healthy and encouraging, while its articles, stories and illustrations are equal to any 25-cent magazine in the world. The November number contains the first instalment of a new story by Joanna E. Wood, the famous Canadian who has written "The Untempered Wind" and "Judith Moore."

The Live Stock Trade.

Montreal, Nov. 11.—There was little improvement in the Glasgow market for Canadian cattle this week, according to private cables received reporting sales, which, agents state, show the shippers' loss is fully \$10 per head.

Cables from Liverpool reporting sales of cattle showed losses to shippers of from \$10 to \$12 per head.