

### Grain and Milling News.

Up to the close of the week the movement in grain in the Northwest has been mainly from about four or five districts. Greta, Morden, Portage la Prairie and the smaller points near those town, have been the heaviest contributors, while from districts north and west of Portage and west of the Peimbin Valley, in Southern Manitoba, the movement is only commencing. Heavy, therefore, as the export has been up to this time, the next two weeks should show a very marked increase. Another matter for consideration is the fact that the bulk of the farmers have been rushing their fall plowing with commendable wisdom, and most of them will finish this week, if, indeed, a freeze up does not compel them to do so before its close. With plowing stopped the work of threshing and marketing will commence in earnest, and the export thereafter will give an idea of the greatness of our crop yield.

A close scrutiny of the advertisements of trade and other papers published in Canada shows that over fifty mills east of this province have for over a year been advertising their products as made from "pure," "choice" or "selected" Manitoba hard wheat. In fact it is now almost impossible throughout the east to sell a fine grade of flour without advertising it as made from the hard wheat of this province. The mystery is where these mills got all the hard wheat from. To keep them all running about two thirds of their capacity, would require somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty millions of bushels. Even with our big crop this year we cannot supply that demand, but we expect to be able in a year or two. About four eastern milling firms have heretofore used up about three-fourths of our export wheat, but that day is past, and others can now get a fair chance to give it a trial.

There seems to be a great rush to get wheat out of the country before navigation on Lake Superior closes. Our resident grain men and millers have been bending every effort in this direction and have caused quite a sharp advance in grain freights from Port Arthur to Ontario lake ports. Our resident men are assisted by numbers of buyers from the east, whose operations here will probably cease with the closing of lake navigation. Some of these buyers are in their eagerness scouring the country and contracting with the farmers for immediate delivery. We have even heard of some leaving their purchases upon measurement from the threshing machine. That they will secure plenty of wheat we doubt not, but they stand a chance of securing much that would not secure the highest prices if sold on grade. Yet such men, when they discover that their purchases are not as profitable as they had intended them to be, will be among the first to shout out about Manitoba wheat being a fraud. We can scarcely help wishing that some of them may get their fingers well burned, and then we may look another year for grain buying in a more legitimate manner and on a plan that will be more satisfactory to all concerned.

THE Hudson's Bay railway company is advertising for laborers to work on the road. The company has made arrangements to operate

the portion of the road—about 40 miles in length—constructed last fall, and the men are wanted to put the roadbed in repair. It is possible that the road may be extended this fall as far as Lake Manitoba, a short distance from the present northern terminus, with the object of developing the local trade of the district and the lake.

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