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## DETAINING THE CARS.

If the railway companies cared to into such a controversy, it is ore than probable that they could how that there are two sides to the with respect to congestion of in the west. That the railaffic in the west ads are overcrowded with business pecially the C. P. R. there is no anner of doubt, and many losses we been incurred by the people as ts occasionally come to light which ow that for some of the trouble case in point is that of a leading stern town, where it has own within the past few days that are no less than 26 cars of one of goods piled up waiting to be loaded, some of which have been ing there for over six weeks. The signees have probably neglected take out the goods for the reason they have no place in which ore them, but the knowledge that it is the reason does not help the way any, and the fact that it is iged to practically provide ware-use accommodation besides transtation is a decided handicap to the That the parties have not compelled to unload these cars perhaps additional proof that the sent trouble arises more from ity of power than of cars.

## THE MILLING INDUSTRY.

flour milling industry of West-Canada does not seem to grow. is a remarkably small milling y as yet in comparison with heat production of the country, if present indications are to be upon there will be but little this year. Perhaps the same which have been operating to milling enterprise in the North-States during recent years on operating in Canada also. harged by the millers of the sestern States that their busibeing strangled by unfairness freight rates to the markets ast, the railways and vessel the great lakes giving a prefo wheat; and so loud has bee complaint of the millers that rstate Commerce Commission g up the matter with a promadjustments. A handicap of would be quite sufficient to any growth of this industry either the States or Canada. years ago there was a good deal alk about the milling possibilities

of this country and a good many prophecies were made which have yet to he realized

At present the total number of mills operating in Western Canada is with a combined daily capacity of 17 1.10 barrels, and an actual daily it of about 12,000 baroutput of rels, or approximately 2,400 bar-rels per year. In addition to this flour business, we have five oatmeal mills, with a total daily capacity of 925 barrels, These figures show that in comparison with its production of wheat the country mills but little All but a moderate percentage of the output of these mills is consumed at home, so that our ex port flour trade is small. As a matter of fact, the export trade has so far been a secondary consideration, with millers, who have not attempted to exploit the outside field to any ex-Enquiries are continually being made by foreign buyers for Manitoba flour, but these are neglected by the millers to whom they are addressed. No doubt this is done purely on the merits of the case, as the more profitable domestic orders are attended

## SEALING REGULATIONS

The treasury department is making preparations for one of the most acthe fur seal controversy first assumed international proportions, says the Fur Trade Review. There been no new legislation on the subject nor agreements reached between the United States and other countries in interest, yet certain important steps will be taken which may be fruitful of

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to first, but the fact that such orders are offered is evidence that there is room for expansion.

The increase in the milling capacity of this country in 1902 was small, amounting to only 770 barrels, of which 585 barrels was made up by six new mills. This year may show an even smaller increase, although it has been marked by the commencement of construction upon one large export mill, that of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co. at Fort William, which is to have a capacity of 1,500 barrels. Several new mills are talked of at the newer places of the west, but so far only one has actually been started. Others may follow, when the crop prospects for 1903 are better known.

There are several things to be secured before the milling industry of the west will become a great one, Cheap power is one most necessary requirement, and low freight rates is another. These two are the most important. The power is available important. and only needs development; the freight rates will perhaps not be so easy to secure.

Article VI. of the Paris Award, but it is also provided by that article that "this restriction shall not apply to shotguns when such fishing takes place outside of Behring sea during the season when it may be lawfully carried on."

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ing reference to the Act of December 29, 1897:
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New seal oil is offering on the Montreal market at  $47\frac{1}{2}$  to 50c.

Three new shipbuilding companies are now operating on the Canadian side of the great lakes, the one at Collingwood being the largest.