

### Foreign Grain Market.

VIENNA AND BERLIN, May 18.—Crops grow well and with few exceptions reports from important producing countries are extremely favorable. The damage suffered in some regions by early dryness and April frosts has had partial compensation of late, and in many such cases good results will be secured. Wheat shows well in Austro-Hungary, particularly in Bohemia, lower Austria, east Galicia, and the best producing tracts of Hungary. Rye looks badly for the most part. Barley is somewhat hurt here and there. Corn has been retarded but will largely recover.

A firmer tendency is unmistakably apparent in Vienna. Moderate offers were made for spot wares, so that prices can be maintained tolerably well. Futures show more life, oats in particular having improved. Quotations are: May and June wheat, \$3 92½ @ 3.94 per 220½ lb; May and June oats, \$3.26½ @ 3.27½; May and June corn, \$2.80 @ 2.80½. The trade in dark flour improves in Austro-Hungary, both sorts of bran being also in active request at good prices. White flour is dull.

Germany reports a bad outlook for rye. The Rhine provinces perceive a little more life in trade, and prices have reached a standstill in their downward movement. A better feeling in futures has been apparent for some weeks. South Germany is very quiet. Complaints of dullness come from Saxony. Wheat averaged 36s 9d per qr. in Berlin on May 17. Hamburg was steady at 36s 4d. White flour is in little demand, while rye is less sought than formerly, though the mills are busy. Futures are becoming more active.

Belgium's trade is quiet, prices being hardly maintained. Rye is in small supply and is held firmly, this being also the case with maize. Holland markets seemed steady at the beginning of the week but later grew less so, particularly for wheat, in which futures declined. Spot rye is the same, but large offers in the last few days have lowered futures slightly.—*Northwestern Miller.*

### Raisins.

Malaga, Valencia and Smyrna raisins derive their names from the places whence they come. Of these the Smyrna black raisins are the cheapest; the Malaga being held in the highest estimation, and fetching fully a third more than any other description of raisins. In Andalusia, in Spain, there are two distinct vines—the Pero-Ximenez, which was imported in the first instance from the borders of the Rhine by a German some 250 years ago; and the Muscat, which is indigenous. Opinions as to the respective merits of the two vines vary, but their cultivation is conducted in the same way, manure of great strength being liberally supplied. The growth of the vines is different from those of Southern Italy. In Andalusia they creep along the surface of the ground as strawberries do, thus gathering all the atmospheric heat; the bunches appear like roots, and the grapes, though white, have a golden tinge. The vintage is very carefully conducted, the fruit not being all gathered at once, but the ground gone over three times, so that all the grapes are properly ripe when picked.

Besides the raisins already named, may be mentioned Sultanias—the best kind to use in making puddings, cakes, etc., for children—Muscatels, Lipari, Belvedere, Bloom or jar raisins, and Sun and Lolis. The best kinds are imported in boxes and jars, such as Malaga and Muscatels; while the inferior sorts are shipped in casks, barrels, frails and mats.—*Chambers' Journal.*

### Curious Letter sent By a Quaker to his Watchmaker.

"I send thee once more my erroneous watch, which wants thy speedy care and correction. Since the last time he was at thy school, I find, by experience, he is not benefitted by thy instruction; thou demandest the fourth of a pound sterling, which thou shalt have, but let thy honest endeavors first earn it. I will board him with thee a little longer, and pay for his table if thou requirest. Let thy whole endeavors and observations be upon him, for he has mightily deviated from the principles of truth; I am afraid he is foul in the inward man—I mean his springs. Prove and try him well with thy adjusting tools of truth, that if possible he may be drawn from the errors of his ways. By the index of his tongue he is a liar, and the motion of his body is ever variable and uncertain. I presume his body is foul, as I have observed, therefore brush him well with thy cleansing instruments from all pollutions, that he may vibrate with regularity and truth; admonish him friendly and with patience, and be not too hasty and rash with thy correction, lest, by endeavoring to reduce him from one error, thou should'st fling him headlong into another, for he is young and of malleable temper; he may, with due correction, be brought into the path of truth. In fine, let him visit often the motion of the sun, and regulate him by his table of equation; and when thou findest them agree, send him home with thy bill of moderation, to thy friend Tobias Go-well."

### MINNEDOSA.

H. G. Henderson, general merchant, has assigned in trust.

A stage line is to be established shortly between Minnedosa and Shell River.

A very heavy rain fell here on 4th June and vegetation is shewing rapid progress.

Hugh Sanderson is building a large brick livery and sale stable immediately west of the Brunswick hotel.

Building operations are progressing steadily. A few good bricklayers and carpenters are looked for by contractors.

E. W. Bishop, harness maker, has sold out his stock and rented his shop to Mr. Hannah; the latter has closed his Mill street shop.

Adam Watson, of Rapid City, has rented the large stable in rear of the Saskatchewan House, and will open a first-class livery stable in a few days.

Several sales of farms near here have been made lately at fair prices. The purchasers are tenant farmers from the old country and a splendid class of settlers.

Major Armstrong, of Hamilton, who owns several thousand acres of fine prairie west of this place has been cut making an inspection of

it. He is highly pleased with the section of country, and will send up a herd of young cattle as the commencement of a stock farm on a large scale.

### PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Markets.—Wheat, 60 to 80c per bushel; butter, 25c per lb.; eggs, 18c per doz.

Merchants say that business was much better last month than it was on the corresponding one last year.

F. H. McNab commenced to auction off his large stock of crockery and glassware on Saturday afternoon.

T. McDermott, the pioneer baker of this town has gone west to the Rockies to make his fortune by digging gold.

The M. & N. W. R. Co. have reduced their staff of section men, engineers and clerks pending the resumption of construction.

Campbell & Mitchell have shipped about 3,000 bushels of potatoes west during the past two months; nearly 5,000 have been shipped west from here this spring.

William M. Smith and Coun. Lyons have fenced in a portion of their estates inside the Corporation limits, and are turning their attention to agricultural pursuits.

The assessment of the town for the year will be about \$3,000,000; the revised assessment last year was \$4,100,000. The number of inhabitants this year is 2,600 souls.

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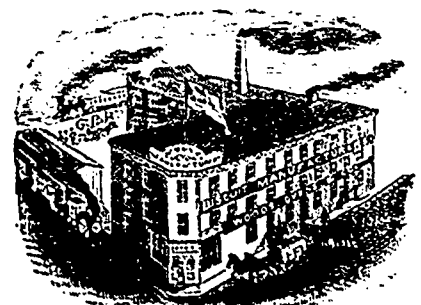
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