

sown some this year to give it a thorough test, though the residents seem convinced already that they can grow good wheat, and that there is no need for further experiment in the matter.

A number of Ottawa bakers have been summoned for selling bread under weight.

A semi annual dividend has been declared by the St. Louis United Elevator Co., of 2½ per cent., payable July 10.

Private warehouses in Chicago are said to hold 750,000 bushels of wheat at this time, 425,000 bushels of corn and 110,000 bushels of oats.

The fact that all grist and flouring mills in the province are now undergoing thorough repairs and being placed in position for night and day work is significant.

The St. Anthony elevator Everest, near Casselton, N. D., was burned June 19th, from being struck by lightning. About 3,000 bushels of wheat were in the building at the time, but a part of it was saved.

An amendment to be offered to the tariff bill was introduced in the Senate, by Senator Hale, on June 19th, which authorizes the president, without further legislation, to declare the ports of the United States free and open to all the products of any nation of the American hemisphere, upon which no export duty are imposed, whenever and so long as such nation shall admit to its ports free of national, provincial, state, municipal and other taxes, a large (specified) number of American products among which are flour, meal and other breadstuffs.

### Lumber Cuttings.

The Kimball Lumber of Chicago has been incorporated. Authorized capital, \$10,000.

The Land, Log and Lumber company of Milwaukee has increased its capital stock to \$2,500,000.

The mill belonging to the Mille Lacs Lumber Company, located at Milaca, Minnesota, was burned last week. Loss \$100,000.

The Island Sash and Door Factory at Milwaukee, was destroyed by fire on June 24. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000.

Through the breaking of a boom on the Lake of the Woods, near Rat Portage, some nine or ten million feet of logs were let out. Most of them will be recovered near the mouth of the Rainy River.

The Union Pacific Railway Company propose advancing the rates on lumber from Oregon and Washington to points in Colorado, on July 10th. They will likely cause a vigorous protest from the Pacific coast lumbermen.

The largest walnut tree in north Missouri was sold by R. H. Crump of Monroe county to W. Janes, jr., a walnut lumber dealer of Shelby county. The size of this tree is eighteen feet in circumference at the stump, and about seventy feet to the first limb.

A mammoth raft 1,700 feet in length left St. John, N.B. for New York recently. This raft is said to be larger than the famous Joggins raft which caused so much concern to ocean steamships in 1887. It is composed of 17 cigar shaped sections, each 100 feet long, 35 feet wide and 25 feet thick. The Laughlin Towing Company have undertaken to tow it to its destination, which will take 15 to 18 days. According to the Ashburton treaty Americans may cut Canadian timber and tow it into the States free of duty.

### The Canada Tea Trade.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin has the following to say of the Canadian tea market. The market is very bare of common and desirable grades of Japan tea, and is in better shape to receive the new crop than at any time during the past fifteen years. There are very few orders, however, going out for these teas, as buyers are depending chiefly on consignments this season, and a good business is anticipated as soon as they arrive. There has been a decline of several cents in Japan, but this is said to have been offset by the advance in the rate of exchange. The Japan teas most in demand in this market range from 14 to 18c per pound for round quantities, the finest to choice grades which run from 25c upward being in very limited request, and at the moment the inquiry therefore is nil, with holders anxious to sell, notwithstanding the reported scarcity of choice teas in the new crop. It is expected there will be a brisk demand for new Japans at prices ranging from 14 to 16c and 18c, as holders appear to be almost entirely out of these descriptions and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of consignments. In black teas there is almost a complete absence in business, although prices continue low in spite of the improvement reported a week or two ago. Green teas are unusually cheap, a decline of fully 2½ per pound having taken place in the London market. Teas that were worth 1s per pound, not long since, are now offered at 10d cost and freight delivered here. Plingsuays, it is said, can be had at special bargains, and still the demand therefore is not stimulated. The principal trade in Canada is in Japans, and as soon as the new crop is on the market a lively business is confidently looked for, as both wholesale and retail dealers throughout the Dominion have seldom carried such light stocks as at present.

### An Ingenious Way to Promote Savings.

The Detroit Savings Bank—an old-time institution started some time during the "forties"—is about to adopt into practice a very clever device for inducing the habit of saving by children, minors, servants and others, imitated from the English and German systems, and briefly described as follows:—

Adhesive labels, neatly lithographed in colors varying with their denominations, will be issued in perforated sheets like postage stamps and be placed on sale at selected agencies—drug stores, corner groceries and other suitable points. They will be for sums from five cents and upward and each one will bear on its face a receipt from the bank for the amount it calls for. A person wishing to commence depositing will be supplied by the agent, without charge, with a card corresponding in color with the label he desires, divided into twenty spaces. He pays for his label and sticks it into one of the spaces. Probably only labels of one denomination will be allowed on the same card, so as to render counting unnecessary, as a card, when filled with five-cent labels, would represent one dollar, with ten cent ones, two dollars and so on. When the card is full, it can be taken to the bank by the depositor in person or sent through the agent, and deposited as so much cash, a pass-book being then issued in the ordinary way. The agencies may be allowed a small commission, although doubtless many would be willing to take the little trouble involved, on account of the increased custom it would bring to their stores.—*Industrial World.*



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