

## Fort William Grain Stocks.

Stocks of grain in store at Fort William on Monday, the 24th inst., were as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 319,801 bushels; No. 1 northern, 1,864,547 bushels; No. 2 northern, 2,221,783 bushels; No. 3 northern, 80,739 bushels; other grades, 28,817 bushels; making the total of wheat 4,524,080 bushels.

Oats—No. 2, 73,500 bushels; barley—No. 2, 870 bushels. Receipts of wheat at Fort William during the week ending Feb. 24 amounted to 64,747 bushels and shipments to 23,088 bushels. Receipts of oats amounted to 5,188 bushels, and shipments, 11,716 bushels. Receipts of barley were nil, and shipments, 2,164 bushels.

Stocks in store at Port Arthur on the 24th were:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 4,110 bushels; No. 1 northern, 52,255 bushels; No. 2 northern, 47,253 bushels; other grades, 124,690 bushels; total, 228,220 bushels. Oats—No. 2 white, 16,525 bushels; mixed, 10,527 bushels; total, 26,552 bushels. Receipts, 11,640 bushels; shipments, 6,745 bushels.

## Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 4,753,000 bushels of wheat in store at Winnipeg on Feb. 24. A year ago stocks in store at Port William were 1,720,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks in store at Port William were 1,200,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Port William, Port Arthur, Kewatin, Winnipeg, and intermediate points are estimated approximately at 18,825,000 bushels, compared with 5,857,000 bushels a year ago, 8,700,000 bushels two years ago, 8,900,000 bushels three years ago, and 4,000,000 bushels four years ago.

## Movements of Business P'n.

R. A. Mather, of Kewatin, was in Winnipeg this week.

Mr. Driscoll, manager at Winnipeg for the McClary Mfg. Co., has been confined to his house for some time with la grippe. He is expected out next week.

E. W. Rugg, organizer for the Western Retail Implement Dealers' Association, leaves on Monday for a trip through the province. He will first visit points on the Stonewall branch.

## Late Western Business Items.

Work on the extension of the Carman branch of the Canadian Northern railway to Stonewall, Man., has begun by clearing out timber from the right-of-way.

Great Northern cars are now being used to haul wheat to Duluth, from points on the Canadian Pacific railway in Manitoba and the Territories, in accordance with the agreement between the two roads as reported last week.

The application to the Manitoba legislature to amend and extend the time of the charter of the Manitoba Midland and Western Railway, has been refused. It is alleged that Northern Pacific people have purchased this charter, with the object of extending their system into Manitoba. The same people have also procured another charter under which they may build, but the legislature has seen fit to refuse the request.

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## The Weather.

The weather continued very mild up to last night. On Thursday there was rain and snow, which melting as it fell, produced a slushy condition continued falling lightly, and with a little colder temperature and a wind which increased to a gale to-day evening, a very lively blizzard was the result last night—the first one of the winter in the west. The weather has cleared up to-day, but with a considerably lower temperature than the weather of the day which had prevailed for some time previously.

## Exclusiveness.

The Manitoba legislature has quite properly rejected the bill to incorporate the architects and engineers. The bill was altogether too autocratic and exclusive in its demands. Why should architects and engineers be shut out of Manitoba any more than grocers or butchers? How would it do to have a bill to prevent foreign competition in the dry goods trade, except to such persons as might be permitted to become members of one of the professional dealers? The bill has drawn at-

tention to the absurd protection and privileges granted to land surveyors by a former legislature, with the prospect that the remedy will be applied. To the exclusion of the architects and engineers has done good.

## Winnipeg Implement Jobs.

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Implement and Carriage Jobbers' Association was held on Thursday evening last, when the following officers were elected: President, Geo. W. Erb; vice-president, J. E. Ridd; secretary-treasurer, H. W. Hutchinson. The association on freight rates was appointed a committee consisting of L. H. Hartshorn and H. W. Hutchinson.

The following entertainment committee was appointed: Jos. Maw, A. McLean and J. Davidson.

It was decided to hold a banquet and the committee on entertainment will make necessary arrangements with this object in view.

A memorial from the Western Retail Implement Dealers' Association was received and considered, and was referred to a special committee for further consideration of the resolutions therein.

## Railway Policy in British Columbia.

Col. Prior of Victoria, has entered the provincial government as minister of mines. Col. Prior has been induced to enter the government on the understanding that a vigorous railway policy is to be followed. He says:

I run as a supporter of the government, and for this simple reason: they have arranged a contract with Mackenzie & Mann, the owners of the Canadian Northern railway, by which contract those gentlemen propose to build a road from Yellowhead Pass through the Columbia valley to Butte Inlet and run a ferry from Butte Inlet to Vancouver Island to connect with the Island coast. They also agree to make Victoria the Pacific terminus of their trans-continental road of course. This agreement is contingent on a bill which the government will bring down granting certain monies and land to the railway company. To my mind this is the one chance that Victoria will have to make herself a great and populous trade centre and terminus, and I feel it is my duty as it is the duty, as I see it, of Victoria to see that this contract is carried out.

## British Columbia Notes.

R. A. Fraser is starting a weekly newspaper at Ladner to be called the News.

C. H. Hancock has purchased the cigar and fruit business of M. A. Townsend at Victoria.

The business men of Ashcroft and Cariboo are organizing a board of trade to be known as The County of Cariboo Board of Trade.

The Malheur Drug Co., Ltd., is buying out the business of the Kamloups Drug Co., at Kamloops and amalgamating the business with its own.

J. W. Hollingshead and Wm. Livingston have formed a partnership and are now engaged in the commission business at Ladner.

A new lumber and shingle mill has been erected at Vancouver, on Coal Harbor by the Pacific Lumber Company, and it was expected that shipping and commerce about the first of March.

The Delta Creamery Association of Ladner, has declared a 10 per cent. dividend on shares of 1901, and added \$250 to its reserve fund, making the total of that fund now \$2,800. During the year the pounds of butter were made which realized \$23,336.

R. P. Rithet & Co., Victoria, say in their latest circular: "During the first part of the month grain freights were dull at about 25c usual, but with the arrival of chartered vessels having supplied immediate wants, and weather conditions being atrocious, rates suddenly dropped to 28c lb. There was a slight improvement in the situation at the close of the month although exporters were not more than 10c above the usual rate. Lumber vessels are in great demand and quotations are somewhat higher for the present."

The Canadian Shingle Mill Company which has been operating a shingle mill near Hastings, has decided to establish a big mill at Vancouver.

capable of producing 600,000 shingles every twenty-four hours. Rough grading and planing will also be made. The establishment of this mill is a result of the action of the British Columbia government not to allow exportation of cedar logs to the United States.

## ALBERTA.

Real estate is said to be moving freely at Edmonton.

Earl & Wolfe, hardware merchants, have sold the old cornmill making machinery business at Olds from J. J. Brumpton.

William has bought the gent's furnishings and boot and shoe business of W. T. Henry & Co., at Edmonton, and will continue the same.

A recent analysis of the coal produced in the mines around the town of Franklin shows the following results: Moisture, 10 per cent.; fixed carbon, 68.2 per cent.; volatile matter, 24.5 per cent.; sulphur, 3 per cent.; ash, 6.2 per cent.

Steel has been laid to the international boundary line on the Canadian extension of the Northern Pacific, by way near Frank and the work of making the grade is being pushed. It will probably be completed before winter will be running on the Canadian side.

## Associated Boards of Trade.

Kaslo, B. C., Feb. 28.—The Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia combined labors to-day and will meet next years at Fernie. The board of the Dominion government to make immediate selection of the government reserve of 50,000 acres of coal land and lease them with such safeguards as will absolutely preclude, now and in the near future, the possibility of their amalgamation with or control by the Crow's Nest Coal Company or any allied corporation and that the maximum price to be charged for coke be \$3.50 per ton f. o. b. and the maximum price for three-fourth inch screened coal be \$1.50 per ton.

## Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—First patents, \$3.50 to \$3.70; seconds, \$3.30 to \$3.50, in wood.

Wheat—No. 1, \$1.14 to \$1.14; No. 2, \$1.14 to \$1.14; No. 3, \$1.14 to \$1.14.

Feed—Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, \$2.25 per ton; ground feed, mixed corn and oats, \$2.25 to \$2.25 per ton.

Cornmeal—White, \$2.80 to \$2.90; do, yellow, \$2.60 to \$2.70 per 100 lbs.

Oats—No. 3, 53c; do, No. 2, 54c; do, No. 1, 55c.

Barley—Quoted 51 to 61c, as to grade.

Flax Seed—No. 1 quoted at \$1.05 per bushel.

Hay—Timothy \$10 to \$11 per ton; prairie, \$8 to \$7 per ton, as to quality.

Butter—Creamery, good to choice, 23 to 25c; seconds, 22c; dairy, good to choice, 22c to 24c; seconds, 21c lb.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, cases included, 16c dozen.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 to 13c; geese, 10 to 11c; ducks, 11 to 12c; chickens, 5 to 12c.

Meats—Beef, 8c; pork, 10c; lamb, 10c; mutton, 5 to 6c; veal, 4 to 5c; lamb, 6 to 7c; mutton, 5 to 6c; lamb, 6 to 7c.

Vegetables—Carrots potatoes, 67 to 75c; onions, \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel.

Apples—Hired-picked, \$2 to \$2.25 bushel.

Apples—\$4.25 to \$6 per barrel as to quality.

Hides and Pelts—Green salted heavy steers, over 60 lbs., No. 1, 94c; No. 2, 84c; cows, over 60 lbs., 74c; No. 1, 84c; No. 2, 74c; No. 3, 64c; No. 4, 54c; No. 5, 44c; No. 6, 34c; No. 7, 24c; No. 8, 14c; No. 9, 4c; No. 10, 3c; No. 11, 2c; No. 12, 1c; No. 13, 1c; No. 14, 1c; No. 15, 1c; No. 16, 1c; No. 17, 1c; No. 18, 1c; No. 19, 1c; No. 20, 1c; No. 21, 1c; No. 22, 1c; No. 23, 1c; No. 24, 1c; No. 25, 1c; No. 26, 1c; No. 27, 1c; No. 28, 1c; No. 29, 1c; No. 30, 1c; No. 31, 1c; No. 32, 1c; No. 33, 1c; No. 34, 1c; No. 35, 1c; No. 36, 1c; No. 37, 1c; No. 38, 1c; No. 39, 1c; No. 40, 1c; No. 41, 1c; No. 42, 1c; No. 43, 1c; No. 44, 1c; No. 45, 1c; No. 46, 1c; No. 47, 1c; No. 48, 1c; No. 49, 1c; No. 50, 1c; No. 51, 1c; No. 52, 1c; No. 53, 1c; No. 54, 1c; No. 55, 1c; No. 56, 1c; No. 57, 1c; No. 58, 1c; No. 59, 1c; No. 60, 1c; No. 61, 1c; No. 62, 1c; No. 63, 1c; No. 64, 1c; No. 65, 1c; No. 66, 1c; No. 67, 1c; No. 68, 1c; No. 69, 1c; No. 70, 1c; No. 71, 1c; No. 72, 1c; No. 73, 1c; No. 74, 1c; No. 75, 1c; 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