

### Northwest Trade and General News.

Farm hands are very scarce all over the province.

The open season for duck shooting commences to-day, Aug. 15th.

A threshing machine for the Indians of the Battleford Agency, was received lately.

The C.P.R. Co will move their passenger audit department from Winnipeg to Montreal.

A Dominion lands office will be opened at Yorkton, Assa., north of the Qu'Appelle river.

The council of the municipality of Ellice offers a bounty of two dollars for each wolf killed.

1,033,870 lbs. of freight were sent from or received at Minnedosa, Man., during the month of July.

It is stated that the Union Bank of Canada, at Lethbridge, Alberta, will erect new premises, nearer the business portion of the town.

The ladies of Birtle, Man., are petitioning the Town Council to pass a By-law prohibiting the granting of licenses for the sale of liquor within the corporation.

Mr. Stewart, government engineer, has located the stations along the line as follows:—St. Norbert, St. Agathe, Aubigny, St. Jean Baptiste, Marais River and West Lynne.

W. K. Cameron, formerly law solicitor for the Michigan Central Railway company at St. Thomas, Ont., has entered into a law partnership with A. S. Wink, town solicitor at Port Arthur.

At Medicine Hat, butter is selling at 30c per pound or 20 to 25c for tub. Eggs 30c per dozen fresh, and 15 to 20c for packed. Flour \$2.30 to \$2.60 per sack. Oats 65c per bushel, ground feed \$35 per ton.

The by-law submitted at Calgary to issue debentures for a loan of \$30,000, to meet incurred expenditures and establish improvements, was carried by a large majority, only one vote being recorded against the by-law.

Quite a number of Moisons, from the United States, have settled recently in the Lethbridge, Alberta, district. Over 50 families are already there, and 100 more are said to be coming. They are described as a thrifty and industrious people.

J. J. Hill, president of the St. P., M. & M. road, is said to have contracted for six large steel steamers to ply between Duluth and Buffalo in the grain trade. They will be run in the special interest of his road in carrying off northwestern wheat.

A new post office has been established in the Banff Park, with Mr. Donoghue as postmaster. In future letters for parties at the depot should be addressed "Banff, Alb.," while for parties at the Sanitarium, Moultons, etc., should be addressed simply "National Park, Alb."

**Birtle Observer:** A bellows, anvil, and complete blacksmiths' outfit has been received at the agency here for the Indians at Fort Pelly. It seems that one of the natives has developed a genius for working in iron, and as there is no blacksmith in the district a forge is to be established.

At the meeting of Louise Council on Wednesday last, \$1,146.13 were paid as indemnity for gopher tails. This amount represents the demise of about 100,000 gophers. The festive little animal has been quite a tax on the funds of the Treasury, but it is believed the means adopted by the Council for the extermination of the pests have been pretty successful, and have resulted in saving a large amount of crop from destruction.—*Manitou Mercury*.

A meeting of all the factors in the Hudson's Bay company will be held at Winnipeg commencing Aug. 30. Already quite a number have arrived, principally from the far north, and it is expected that by the first of September several hundred trappers will be in the city. Mr. Wrigley, the commissioner, proposes that a general trade conference shall be held to discuss the business of the company and arrange a programme for future work. The business of the company in all the districts will be discussed and organization perfected with a view of making the very most out of it.

A special meeting of the shareholders and directors of the Wood Mountain Railway company was held recently, at which, we understand, effect was given to arrangements made some time since, looking to the construction of the road. We learn that some changes have been made in the personnel of the directorate, and that the board was empowered to issue bonds for the portion under contract to be built this season. Material is now being purchased and operations will be in full blast in a few days. The intention is, we learn, to hire men and teams here, if they can be had, in preference to importing them.—*Qu'Appelle Vidette*.

At a meeting of the retail and wholesale grocers, connected with the grocers' association, of Winnipeg, held on Wednesday evening, to discuss the advisability of holding a big picnic this month, the suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and it was decided to make it the event of the season. A committee consisting of Bell, (Bell Bros.) Campbell, (Sutherland & Campbell) and Taylor, (McMillan Bros.) was appointed to arrange the details. The picnic will be held on Thursday, of next week, 18th inst., and it is proposed if the C.P.R. will grant a \$1 rate, to visit Rat Portage, leaving here at seven or eight o'clock in the morning and returning about 22 or 23 o'clock. If a cheap rate cannot be secured, some other spot will likely be selected, but at any rate the grocers intend closing their places of business that day and having a high old time with their friends.

### Grain and Milling News.

Urban & Co., millers, Buffalo, N.Y., have a brand of flour which they call "Pride of Manitoba."

It has been again reported that McLaurin's elevator at Brandon, recently burned, will be replaced at once, in time for this season's business.

E. P. Allis & Co., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, have the contract for completing the flour mill at Moosomin, Assa., which has been in an unfinished state for about a year. The mill will be given a capacity of 100 barrels.

The Ogilvie Milling Company has appointed A. T. Gordon agent at Pilot Mound, Man., for the Company.

D. Moore, jr., late one of the proprietors of the Oak Lake, Man., mill, is said to be negotiating for a mill near Emerson.

Petitions are being circulated in the vicinity of Holland, Man., for a bonus of \$3000 in aid of the erection of a grist and flouring mill at that place.

The Morden district has been visited by a heavy hail storm. A full account of the damage has not been given, but a telegram to the Ogilvie company here stated it was light.

The milling company at Shoal Lake, Man., have finished grinding for this season. They are renovating the mill from bottom to the top, preparing for an extensive business this fall.

A Winnipeg daily recently gave an exhibition of editorial laziness in the reproduction as a leader in its editorial columns, of an article on the wheat question, clipped holus bolus from an exchange. Singularly enough, on the same day another city daily contained the same article, duly credited to the paper whence it was taken.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Aug. 1st in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "The harvesting of wheat is becoming general. A large proportion of the oat crop is already cut. Values are tending downward. The crops being reaped are in good milling condition. Prices are expected to be lower than ever. Rates for foreign wheat are in all buyer's favor. Liverpool has recorded a decline in spot wheat every market day.

J. H. Nye, a foreman millwright for E. P. Allis & Co., was here yesterday, en route for Keewatin, Ont., where he will superintend the construction of the 1,200 bbl. mill which his firm have the contract for building. Most of the millwrights employed on the job will be hired from Minneapolis. Wm. McClosky accompanied Mr. Nye, and other millwrights will follow shortly. Mr. Nye will first turn his attention to the erection of the mill houses and the elevator.—*Minneapolis Northwestern Miller*.

Latest reports concerning the proposed flour mill at Keewatin are to the effect that the mill will have a capacity of 1,200 barrels per day. The mill will be built of granite, which abounds in the vicinity. The elevator will have a capacity of 200,000 bushels. A barrel factory will also be established in connection with the mill. The mill will be completed early next year. A force of men are now at work on the buildings. It is said the company will purchase about 1,000,000 bushels of this season's crop. The company will be known as the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, (Limited). Capital stock \$300,000. The shareholders include: Allan Gilmour, Ottawa; Hon. John Hamilton, Hawkeburg; Mr. Reid, Sir Donald Smith, Sir George Stephen, Alex. Mitchell, J. Turnbull, Wm. Cassils, Montreal; John Mather, Keewatin; Robert Meighen, Perth. Mr. Mitchell was elected president of the company, and the following gentlemen were elected first directors: J. Mather, R. Meighen, J. Turnbull and Wm. Cassils.