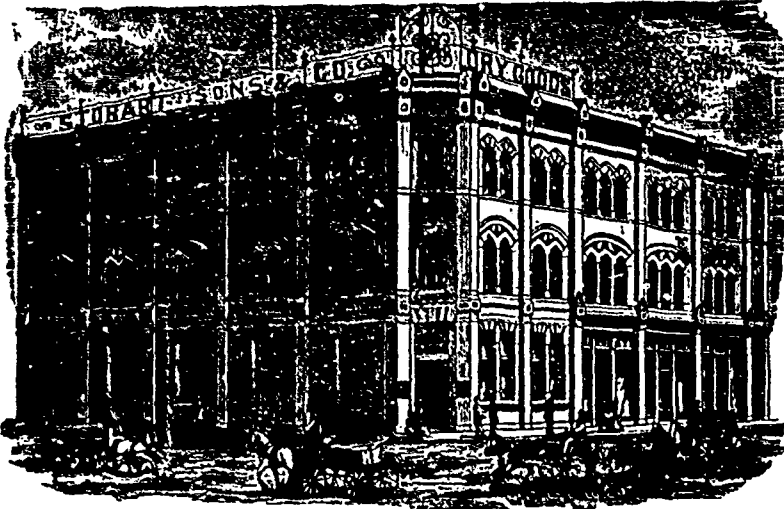


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The principal creditor of Rashdell and Lawer, doing business as the Columbia Milling Co., Erdlerby, Spallumcheen, B. C., whose assignment was reported last week, is the firm of Goldie & McCullough, of Galt, Ont. The *Victoria Colonist* says: Those who profess to know maintain that under ordinary circumstances the concern may be made to pay a handsome profit, but there can be no doubt but that the late management have all along labored under great disadvantages. The mill is a most complete one in every respect, the machinery throughout being of the very latest pattern and is capable of a daily output of one hundred and forty barrels.

Not long ago the *Montreal Journal of Commerce* was defending the C. P. R. monopoly in Manitoba. Now read the following from that journal, upon which comment is unnecessary: "The area of profitable wheat growing is now moving slowly but steadily farther west as the gradual development of the splendid wheat lands of the West increases the severity of competition. Every year the Ontario farmer's chances of profitable rivalry becomes less, while those of the Western wheat grower become daily brighter in direct proportion as the cost of transportation to the seaboard is reduced. Now that the monopoly clause is a thing of the past, and new railroads will soon tap the wheat sections, the superiority of the West will become more and more manifest and the possibilities of profitable wheat growing in Ontario will be reduced to a minimum. Under these circumstances the sensible man will at once abandon a useless struggle with a more powerful rival, and betake himself to the cultivation of those crops which experience has shown to be far more lucrative to him than wheat."

London, England *Miller*: The dominions of the Sultan are not yet overcrowded with flour mills designed and fitted on modern principles, and our readers will be interested to learn that Hind & Lund, of Preston, have recently completed the erection of a Turkish roller mill. This mill has a capacity of 8 to 10 sacks an hour, and has been erected at Haskieu, near Constantiople. The shafting and engines were

also supplied by Hind & Lund, and the whole mass of machinery, weighing some 200 tons, arrived in Bosphorus on the 6th of March last. Owing to the examination which it underwent at the hands of the custom's authorities the plant did not reach its destination till the latter end of March, and the fact that the mill was in full swing by the 16th of June speaks well for the exactness of the engineers' work, the more especially as the machines had to be put together by native labor under the superintendence of Hind & Lund's engineers.

A Manitoba correspondent writes to *The Miller*, of London, England, as follows: Your paper is quoted by the local press as suggesting to the English millers the advisability of their purchasing hard wheat direct from Manitoba farmers, so as to insure against mixing in transit. To do this on a large scale, elevators would have to be built at points in this province, and shipments made from them to Montreal, where a large elevator would also have to be constructed. This plan, which is a very good one, would, however, entail a considerable amount of outlay, and we would suggest that as there are good prospects of a considerable addition being made to the elevator capacity of the province in time to handle this year's crop, a small syndicate of millers be formed to buy, say, one million bushels of Manitoba wheat. The syndicate could lease an elevator in Montreal from 1st November until navigation opens in the spring, and the grain could be shipped from Manitoba points direct to said elevator, so that the possibility of mixing with Ontario soft wheat would be prevented. Arrangements could be made with a bank in Montreal, so that a draft for the value of each carload lot, with bill of lading attached, would be paid on presentation, and the bank's manager could no doubt name a reputable firm in Montreal who would attend to the unloading, storage, insurance, etc. A cable code could be arranged, so that the syndicate would be kept posted as to prices, etc., and could countermand orders in the event of the local markets ruling too high. By this arrangement no expenditure would be required except rent of an elevator in Montreal, and if the experiment proved satisfactory, arrangements for an extensive business could be made by another year.

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