

## Visiting Millers.

On Saturday August 17, The Commercial received a telegram from W. C. Edgar, manager of the Northwestern Miller, to the effect that a party of forty leading millers of Minnesota and Dakota would arrive in Winnipeg at 7 o'clock that evening and leave again at midnight, and that they would like to see something of this city.

The Commercial editor felt somewhat disappointed as well as confused on the receipt of this message. We were disappointed because we knew that it would be impossible to give the visiting millers such a reception as we knew the grain men and millers of the city would like to have done, had they known of the contemplated visit a little earlier. It was after 3 o'clock when the telegram arrived, and a Saturday afternoon at this season of the year is practically a holiday in Winnipeg. There were scarcely any of the grain men in the city. A number of them were down at the Lake of the Woods on pleasure bent, and others were west looking up the crop situation or arranging business matters in the country to be ready for the season's movement of new grain. We knew the grain men and millers of the city would have given the visiting millers a hearty welcome if they had been here to do it, but it would have been difficult just at that time to have scared up more than a corporal's guard of those interested in the grain trade.

The Commercial was, therefore, confused to know what to do under the circumstances. Happily Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, who was in the city, came to the rescue, and offered to take the visiting millers in charge, and we knew that when Mr. Ogilvie proposed to do a thing, it would be done in good style.

The visiting millers arrived and were met at the depot by Mr. Ogilvie, Mr. Riley, president of the Board of Trade, a few of the grain men and officials of the milling concerns here who were in the city, leading railway officials and representatives of The Commercial. Among the party of visitors were such well-known names as C. A. Pillsbury, head of the great milling firm of Pillsbury-Washburn company, of Minneapolis; W. H. Dunwoody, now manager of the Washburn-Crosby company, Minneapolis; C. J. Martin, treasurer of the Washburn-Crosby company; W. C. Edgar, manager and editor of the Northwestern Miller; L. R. Brooks, of Brooks-Griffiths company, Minneapolis, owners of elevators; C. M. Harrington, of Harrington, Van Dusen & Co., Minneapolis; F. J. Clark, city editor of the Northwestern Miller, and others from Minnesota, the Dakotas and Iowa.

The party were at once conducted to carriages and driven through a portion of the city, but darkness came on before much of the city could be visited. The carriages were then drawn up at the Hotel Manitoba, where the visitors were invited to a banquet with Mr. Ogilvie as host. Notwithstanding the short notice, the Manitoba was able to present a very excellent menu. Following the dinner a number of toasts were proposed. Mr. Ogilvie first proposed the milling interests of Minneapolis, mentioning the name of Mr. Pillsbury in connection therewith. In reply, Mr. Pillsbury said that the Northwest on each side of the boundary was the only portion of the world which had a large wheat crop this year. He said the Northwest this year held the key to the wheat situation, and he advised a cautious policy in disposing of the crop, so as not to have it all thrown upon the market in a great mass early in the season. He thought we should make the most possible out of the crop, and this would be best accomplished by marketing the crop gradually.

The health of Mr. Dunwoody was next proposed and replied to briefly. Mr. Dunwoody was the first to inaugurate the exor-

tation of spring wheat flour to Great Britain, and this fact was mentioned by Mr. Ogilvie in proposing the toast.

Mr. Edgar was next toasted, and in reply he stated that the decision of the party to come to Winnipeg was an afterthought and consequently they were unable to give an earlier notice.

Mr. Edgar is a pleasant and interesting speaker. Mr. Booth, who has a large farm in Dakota, was next named by Mr. Ogilvie. Mr. Pillsbury then proposed the health of Mr. Kerr, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, taking opportunity to thank the company for the privilege given the party to come into Winnipeg over its line. Mr. Brooks was named in connection with the elevator interests. Mr. Edgar then announced that their time was about up and that they would have to take their departure for their train, but before going he would propose the health of "the King of Millers," Mr. W. W. Ogilvie. The visitors showed their appreciation of Mr. Ogilvie's hospitality by the vociferous reception they gave this toast, and after a few more words in reply from Mr. Ogilvie, the party broke up. The visitors found carriages in waiting to convey them back to the depot, where, before boarding the train, many of them took occasion to express their thanks for the reception tendered them by Mr. Ogilvie.

[NOTE.—This article was held over in type from last week, owing to lack of space.]

### THE MILLERS HEARD FROM.

The Minneapolis Northwestern Miller gives lengthy account of the recent trip of the Minnesota and Dakota millers through the wheat regions of those states, a great portion of the article being devoted to the reception tendered the millers at Winnipeg. A portrait of Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, who entertained the visiting millers to the banquet while in Winnipeg, is given with the article. The following letter and resolution were ordered to be sent to Mr. Ogilvie by the millers, before the party dispersed on their return trip:

To W. W. Ogilvie Winnipeg, Man. :

DEAR SIR,—As we return whence we came after our trip through the northwest, we, the members of the Spring Wheat Millers' club and their friends, desire to express to you, as well as our inadequate language will permit, the overpowering obligation under which you have placed us by the characteristically royal entertainment provided for us during our stay in Winnipeg.

The lovely drive through the streets of your beautiful city and the bountiful dinner which followed we shall never forget. Most of us came to you as strangers, but all of us left you as friends. You have won our hearts, not only by the material pleasure you provided for us, but more by that broad, wholesouled, hearty hospitality which shone from your face and communicated itself to us through the clasp of your hand. You made us royally welcome to your city. You cared for us as for brothers, and you sent us forth on our homeward way rejoicing. Henceforth, if you will permit us, we will reckon you as one of us, and we ask that you honor this club by becoming its first and only honorary member for as long as life shall last. To this end the following resolutions have this day been passed by us:

Whereas, Mr. W. W. Ogilvie is not only a spring wheat miller of world wide renown, but a prince of the line of Royal Good Fellows; and

Whereas, he has shown this club and its friends such hospitality and genial kindness as can only emanate from a heart as big and a mind as broad as the fertile acres of his loved Manitoba; therefore,

Be it resolved, That, henceforth and forever, he be made an honorary member of the Spring Wheat Millers' club; that he be in-

vited as its guest, to every meeting it may hold, and that at every dinner given by it, as long as it may exist, a plate be laid for him and a chair placed, and that the place for this plate and chair be next to that of its chairman, and that we unanimously request him to honor us with his presence as often as possible.

## Grain and Milling Matters.

We stated in our market report last week that no new wheat had been offered in the Winnipeg market. This was a mistake. We learn since that one small load was brought in on Friday, Aug. 23, by A. S. Friesen, a Mennonite farmer from Steinbach. It was taken to the Hudson's Bay Co.'s mill, where it was purchased. The sample was a splendid No. 1 hard. The Hudson's Bay mill has therefore the honor of receiving the first wheat offered in the local market.

The Hudson's Bay Co.'s flour mill in Winnipeg is closed down at present for a thorough overhauling. A little more than the usual overhauling is being given it this year, and considerable new machinery is being put in, including several Smith inter-elevator reels. Mr. Steel, the manager, is now superintending this work. The capacity of this mill is now 250 barrels per day, and since the construction of the transfer railway it has splendid shipping and receiving facilities, being connected directly with the Northern Pacific railway, while the Transfer railway, which reaches the mill, gives connection with the Canadian Pacific railway. A spur track runs to the company's elevator, and another track passes alongside the large flour store-rooms. The elevator at the mill has a capacity of 75,000 bushels. The Hudson's Bay Co. do not operate any elevators in the country. They take in a good deal of wheat from farmers right at their mill, but they depend mainly upon car lot purchases from country points. They also handle a large quantity of oats in the city, partly purchased from farmers at the elevator, and partly brought in in car lots from outside points.

The oat crop around Winnipeg is so heavy this year that it is thought there will be almost enough oats marketed by farmers right here to supply the city trade. In past years Winnipeg has taken a good many car loads of oats from country points to meet the requirements of the local trade, in addition to the oats marketed directly by farmers in the city. On this account the price of oats has generally ruled about five cents per bushel higher in Winnipeg than at Manitoba country markets, as oats shipped in would be subject to local freight charges.

The Hudson's Bay Co.'s new flour mill at Prince Albert, Sask., now in course of erection, will have a capacity of 100 barrels per day. It will be a first-class mill, both as regards the building and machinery. The building is a solid, heavy stone structure for the first story and brick above this. The machinery is all of the most improved pattern. A 10,000 bushel elevator is also being built at the mill. Altogether the new establishment will be much superior to the old mill which was burned a short time ago. The company expect to secure enough wheat right at the mill door to keep the mill running. Stuart & Harper, Winnipeg are supplying the machinery.

A correspondent writes from Hilton, Man., as follows: "An elevator is wanted at Hilton on the Northern Pacific railway. A tremendous crop of wheat has been harvested and there will be about 300,000 bushels of wheat to be marketed here. There is only one elevator and we must have another. No better district in Manitoba than around Hilton for wheat. We want a company to build at once."