

Grain and Milling News.

The Portage Milling Co. have placed a grain buyer at Minnedosa, Man.

The new roller mill at Crystal City, Man., has been completed and put in operation.

A letter has been received from David Fraser, of Denton, Texas, in which he states he is prepared to invest \$1,000 cash in the new mill project at Neepawa, Man., provided he is given a situation as miller.

The total amount of grain shipped from Minnedosa, Man., this year to date is about 75,000 bushels, and there are 50,000 now stored in the elevators, and probably 30,000 still to come in, making 150,000 bushels from this station. The total last year was 60,000.

A correspondent at Oak Lake, Man., writes. A great many farmers in this neighborhood, chiefly south and southwest, have only just completed threshing, owing to the heavy crops and insufficient supply of threshing machines. Much grain will therefore remain unmarketed till after seeding.

G. Hastings, of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, has gone to Montreal. He will inspect the mills in the east while away. Mr. Hastings expects to return to Winnipeg in two months.

Rapid City Spectator: A large quantity of wheat still remains to be marketed by the farmers of this district. No part of Manitoba has produced a larger yield of grain this season than that surrounding Rapid City.

A correspondent writes the London Miller as follows: "Would you or any of your readers

inform me what is the nearest type of English wheat that approaches in character that of the Manitoba No. 1 hard fye wheat?" To which the Miller replies "In reply to our correspondent, the nearest sample of English wheat we have yet seen approaching in appearance in color and configuration of the kernel of Manitoba hard fye wheat was a sample of "Nursery" wheat sent to us from the well-known miller, Mr. Napper, of Brighton, grown in 1884 on the farms of His Grace the Duke of Richmond, near Chichester, Sussex. The weight when threshed was 69½ pounds per bushel. The sample when received on the 23rd Feb., 1885, weighed 68 pounds per bushel, and was sent by Mr. Napper as a comparison with the samples of Manitoba No. 1 hard red fye wheat we distributed amongst many of the principal millers of this country at that time."

Insurance Briefs.

M. Turriff has been appointed agent, at Rapid City, Man., for the manufacturers Life and accident Insurance Co., of Toronto.

Two fires were started in Chicago last week by electric light wires which had not been properly insulated. Evidence of the danger of these wires is constantly accumulating.

Buffalo insurance rates, have been raised 20 per cent. by the Buffalo Board of Fire Underwriters. During the last two years the losses to insurance companies have been \$2,500,000, while the net premium receipts have not exceeded \$600,000 per year. It is estimated that the losses in the last month alone will use up two years' receipts in that city.

The Board of Underwriters, Winnipeg, in reply to a communication from chairman McCusker, of the fire and water committee, of the Regina, Assa., council, said that if the town would supply a steam engine, paid engineer, horses belonging to town, plentiful supply of water and hose, and a chemical engine, the Board would rate Regina class "B" instead of class "C" as at present.

The outlook for insurance cannot be very favorable in New York when a company like the Merchants, with cash assets of \$376,753 and a net surplus of \$52,002, decides to wind up. The Merchants has paid \$2,321,997 in losses and \$1,140,000 in dividends since its organization in 1850. The managers thought that it was better to leave the field than contend against the storm of low rates and destructive fires that is now sweeping over the country.

The Budget: Speaking of last year's fire insurance business the New York Spectator says: "Many reasons are assigned for the unsatisfactory results, the most patent of which is the extravagant commission paid to brokers." The Spectator is now nearing the true cause that demoralizes insurance. Formerly it was the lack of organization, the cutting of rates, and what not, of disorganized action among underwriters. Now it is the extravagant commission paid to brokers.

THE stock and book accounts of the estate of Cowan & Richard, general merchants of Battleford, amounted to over \$11,000.

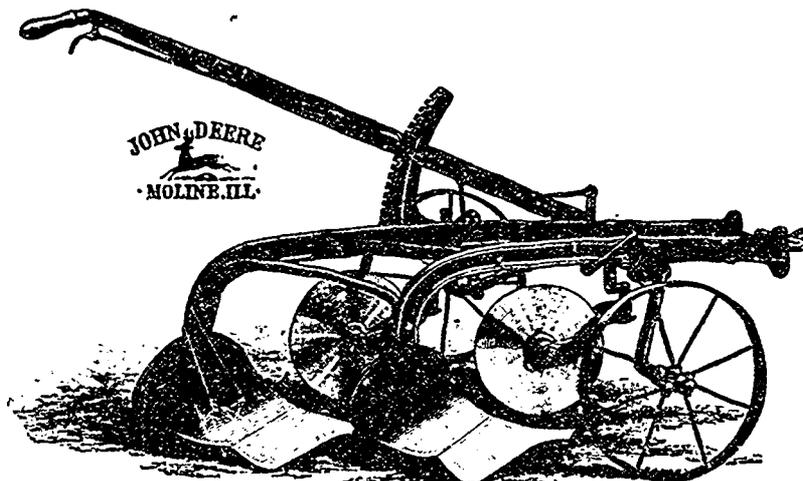
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