

Annual Western Trip.

W. A. Hastings, general manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., arrived from Montreal on Thursday, on his annual trip to the west. In conversation with a representative of The Commercial Mr. Hastings said that they were having a good demand for Manitoba flour in the east, notwithstanding the low price at which Ontario flour was offering. This is owing to the fact that the new Ontario wheat is not in condition yet to make the best flour, and all Manitoba flour is wanted. Eastern millers are also obliged to use old Manitoba wheat for grinding with their new grain, though the latter will improve with age. Referring to the low price at which Ontario flour is being offered, Mr. Hastings said that Manitoba flour will sell at a certain premium over the eastern flour, but when that premium is exceeded, sales of Manitoba flour will decrease. Prices here for wheat during the past year have been comparatively much higher than in the east. Mr. Hastings said that they kept their mills running steadily all the year around, exporting whatever surplus they might have. They have only been closed down two weeks at each of their Manitoba mills, during the past year, to allow of the annual overhauling and improvements.

Weather and Crops.

The weather was not all that could be desired this week for harvesting. The early part of the week was broken by showers, and there was a heavy general rain about the beginning of the week. Later the weather was more favorable. The rain was not as disadvantageous this week as it would have been a little later on. The work going on this week has been nearly all in cutting grain, and the delay caused would not be nearly as great as if stacking had been progressing. In a very short time the binders would be at work again after the rains, and the crop has not been at all injured, as the temperature was moderate and the rains not sufficiently prolonged to injure the quality of the crop. Cutting has made fair progress, and except in the late districts a large part of the crop is in shock. We give extensive crop reports this week, which show how the crops stood at the beginning or early in the week. Information from Brandon this morning was to the effect that the crops were about half cut, and turning out very good.

British Columbia Items.

D. Carey is opening in cigars and tobacco at Nelson.

J. J. Ullman is opening in fruits, cigars, etc., at Whitewater.

The Merchants Bank of Halifax is opening a branch at Ymir.

Cascade Drug Co., Cascade City, is opening in drugs, stationery, etc.

Smith & Aldrich, general store, Anacosta, have dissolved, and are succeeded by L. A. Smith & Co.

A. J. McCallum is retiring from the Kaslo Dairy Produce and Commission Co. A. McQueen continues alone.

The following items are reported from Victoria: Victoria Chemical Co. damaged by fire; insured. J. P. Sarantis, fruit, is selling out to Geo. Sarantis. J. Caritopoulos, fish, is succeeded by George Gawley.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: Philipps, Aldridge & Co., wholesale fruit, have dissolved. P. H. Phipps retires. W. J. Massey is opening in wholesale liquors. Mrs. J. Goodman, groceries, is out of business. F. Muskett, men's furnishings, is giving up the shoe department.

Northwest Ontario.

John McDonald, confectionery, Port Arthur, has assigned to W. A. McCallum.

The sale of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway to Mackenzie, Mann & Co., is reported. The road is naturally a part of the new Ontario and Rainy River road system now under construction and owned by Mackenzie & Mann. The latter road will connect with the Winnipeg and Southwestern, also under construction, making another through line to Lake Superior.

Assiniboia.

Thos. Meredith has purchased the Arnold hotel, Yorkton.

Thos. Healy, Moose Jaw, will give up his grocery business and devote his entire attention to fruit.

Alberta.

W. C. Wood, has opened an hotel at Leduc.

Mr. Geuge, of the Queen's hotel, Macleod, has sold out to Stedman & Nash.

The Lacombe Co-operative association, to do a general store business at Lacombe, is applying for incorporation.

Saskatchewan.

S. McLeod, one of the old established and leading merchants of Prince Albert, has sold out his stock and business to a new firm, which will do business under the name of Moore, Bradshaw, Clinch & Co. The head of the new firm, E. H. Moore, came recently from the east. J. E. Bradshaw has been manager of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s West End store. F. H. Clinch is a local man, formerly in business at Kinistino. Mr. McLeod may go into the grain trade at Prince Albert, where he contemplates erecting an elevator.

Salmon Season Extended.

The Dominion government has consented to the opening of the season for taking coho salmon in the Fraser river, B. C., ten days earlier than usual, owing to the small run of sockeye salmon, the season for which is now closed. It is not expected that this concession to the packers will very materially increase the pack, as the big pack is always made during the sockeye run.

Western Business Items.

M. J. Morgan, tailor, Killarney, Man., has sold out.

J. Jackson, harness, Altamont, Man., is burned out.

The Carman Trading Co., general store, Carman, Man., are applying for incorporation.

Mr. Persse, of Tass & Persse, Winnipeg, returned to the city to-day, after a two months' trip to Europe.

Sibbani & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, who assigned this week, also carried on a general store at Marquette, Man.

Flour Mill Sold.

J. H. Fraser, flour miller, Morden, Man., has sold his mill to B. C. Parker and J. W. Stodders. The new proprietors contemplate erecting a 40,000 bushel elevator, and also increasing the mill to 300 barrels' capacity. The business will be carried on under the name of the Morden Milling Co.

New York Money.

New York, Aug. 26.—Money on call firm, 13-1 to 21-2 per cent.; last loan 2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 31-2 to 41-4 per cent.; sterling exchange weaker, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$1.85 to 1-8 for demand, and at \$1.83 1-4 to 1-2 for sixty days; posted rates \$1.81 to 1-2, and \$1.86; commercial bills \$1.82 3-4; silver certificates 59 1-2 to 61; bar silver 60 1-4; Mexican dollars 16 1-2; government bonds steady; state bonds dull; railroad bonds firmer.

Visible Supply.

New York, Aug. 22.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat, Saturday, Aug. 20, as compiled by the New York produce exchange is as follows:

Wheat, 5,850,000 bushels; decrease 1,017,000 bushels.

Corn —16,123,000 bus.; increase 106,000 bus.

Oats—2,910,000 bus.; decrease 171,000 bus.

Rye—101,000 bus.; decrease 18,000 bus.

Barley—245,000 bus.; increase 2,000 bus.

Wholesale Millinery

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NOTE

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At Winnipeg Showrooms

SEPTEMBER 5

The trade cordially invited

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Notice to Millers and Others

The rural municipality of Assiniboia in Manitoba, is prepared to grant a bonus of \$3,000 to any person who will build and operate a 75 barrel grist mill at the parish of Headingly, Manitoba. For further particulars apply to R. Ross Sutherland, Esq., barrister, Winnipeg, or to the undersigned.

FRANK NESS, Sec.-Treas.,

Municipality of Assiniboia

St. Charles P.O., Man.