

and Canada the province undertook to give to the Dominion lands to the extent of twenty miles on each side of the Pacific Railway towards the construction of that road. The Dominion contends that the mineral wealth contained in these lands was conveyed as well as the lands and timber. The Provincial Government has since claimed that the grant did not include the precious metals, and was only intended as an ordinary Crown grant to a settler which excludes the minerals from conveyance. The question came before the Supreme Court, and was decided in favor of the Dominion, two justices dissenting.

### Lumber Cuttings.

Last year's lumber exports from Ottawa were \$3,900,000.

Vancouver lumber dealers have adopted the strictly cash system.

The Dono Appollo, has gone to Chemainus, B.C., to load lumber at Croft & Angus' mill.

The cost of the C.P.R. snow sheds in the Rocky Mountains is said to have been fully \$70 per foot.

The ship Pacific Slope, from Honolulu, has arrived at Moodyville to load lumber for Sydney, Australia.

A fire in the drying house of the Royal City Mills, at Westminster, was got under control with a comparatively small loss.

The mills at Norman, (Rat Portage), intend starting again as soon as it is mild enough to run the machinery conveniently.

The barque Vikar, has completed loading at the Hastings Mill, Vancouver, B.C., and sails for Melbourne, Australia. Her cargo consists of 607,268 feet of rough lumber, 17,122 feet of pickets and 30,870 laths. The barque Dilbuhr also completed loading at the same mill and cleared for Valparaiso, South America, for orders. Her cargo consists of 196,773 feet of flooring, t & g., and 715,665 feet of rouge lumber, valued at \$10,322.86.

Alexander MacDonald, contractor for the first 50 miles of the Northwest Central Railway, returned on Tuesday evening from a trip to the Riding Mountains on the Little Saskatchewan River, where he has let a contract for 50,000 ties, to be delivered at the crossing of the railway below Blackwell's mill, to McConnell and Brown of Oak River. These contractors have got fairly to work, and Mr. MacDonald is very much pleased at the comfortable quarters they have in the bush. An organ in a lumbering shanty is not met with every day, but McConnell and Brown can boast of this mark of civilization.

*Victoria Times*: It is learned that a powerful syndicate is being organized to purchase the property known as the Hastings Saw Mill concern at Vancouver. The property is a valuable one, as it embraces in addition to the mill plant and buildings a large extent of leased timber ground. The proposal is to replace the present machinery and buildings with new ones, erected specially for the purpose of carrying on an extensive shipping trade. Everything will be modern. There will be a double set of buildings and machinery, one of which will be

devoted to the export trade and the other to the local and home market. It will be one of the largest concerns on the coast, giving employment to a considerable number of employees directly and indirectly, and be of great advantage to Vancouver.

The Calgary Lumber Co., has applied to have their letters patent extended to give them power to engage in the manufacture of bricks and tile and to mine for coal and other minerals.

A large gang of carpenters and laborers are engaged in the construction of a grain shed at Fort William. Its dimensions are by no means small, as the foundation laid is 100x500 feet, and the building when completed will have a storing capacity of 500,000 bushels. The timber used in the construction is the best that can be procured, and is brought all the way from New Westminster, British Columbia. Why the Company should look to B.C. for the timber they need is a problem we are unable to solve. Our mill owners here claim to be able to furnish as good a quality of timber as can be found in the Dominion, and at prices not to be compared with what it cost the Company to procure their supply on the Pacific coast and lay it down here.—*Fort William Journal*.

### Grain and Milling News.

*Manitou Mercury*: The grain buyers had a racket the other day and oats boomed up to 29 cents.

R. F. Lyons, a Carberry dealer, has arranged with G. M. Ray to buy grain for him at Newdale, on the M. & N. W. Railway.

Flour is being shipped from the Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa. mill to Montreal, though it has to be hauled by team 20 miles to the railway.

The receipts of grain at LaRiviere are far in excess of facilities for storage, and it is probable a warehouse with a capacity of 20,000 bushels will be erected there soon.

James Stirton is making arrangements for the erection of a large grain warehouse at Pilot Mound. The material has been contracted for and the building will be made ready for the reception of grain as quickly as possible.

Mitchell & Bucknell have their new mill at Millwood, on the M. & N. W. railway completed and in operation. It will have 100 barrels capacity. The building is 46x32 feet in size and 50 feet high.

The new flour mill at Holland, on the Manitoba Southwestern railway, will be completed in a few weeks. It will prove a great boon to the settlers, as it will be the only one in the large district surrounding.

About \$5,000 in shares have been subscribed toward the proposed erection of a flour mill at Macleod, Alberta. It is now thought that the mill is assured, and that there will be no difficulty in getting a sufficient quantity of wheat in the district to keep it running.

It has been denied by the parties interested that they have been favored with differential rates on wheat shipped from Manitoba. The meeting held by the Winnipeg grain men to consider the matter resulted in nothing definite, though the circumstances which led to the charges certainly looked suspicious.

N. Bawlf, of Winnipeg, has completed the erection of a grain warehouse at La Riviere, Man.

Notice is given that a by-law to raise the sum of one thousand dollars by the issue of debentures for the purpose of adding in a flouring and grist mill at Oak Lake, Man., has been submitted to the council of the municipality of Woodsworth, and that a vote of the ratepayers will be taken on the twenty-first day of February.

*Minneapolis Northwestern Miller*: It is a significant fact that the average increase in our domestic consumption of wheat for the past fifteen years has amounted to over two million bushels per annum, so that we now require about 38,000,000 bushels more than we did in 1873. At this rate it will not be long before we shall eat our wheat crop, and unless we increase the production proportionately we shall cease to be a wheat exporting nation. It seems inevitable that our wheat will soon go abroad in the shape of flour exclusively, and we should therefore remove all obstacles from the path of exporting millers as rapidly as possible.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg grain examiners, held on Wednesday, Deputy Grain Inspector Horne submitted some wheat samples and asked that they be graded in conformity with the official regulations. This was done owing to certain strictures which had been passed upon Mr. Horne's grading. The samples were submitted under oath, as the actual grain taken from the cars in question. The examiners were not acquainted with the grading which Mr. Horne had given the grain, but their unanimous ruling was afterwards found to agree precisely with the deputy inspector's. Mr. Horne's decisions were therefore upheld. It would be well for dealers to avail themselves of the provision of the Inspection Act, when they feel dissatisfied with the grading of wheat.

H. J. SAUNDERS, grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust to R. J. Campbell.

E. J. DARROCH has decided to close his general store at Newdale, Man., and has moved his stock to Minnedosa. He has been engaged buying grain at the latter place for some time, and has found it inconvenient to continue the store at Newdale.

THE Algoma House, Port Arthur, Ontario, Merrill & Hodder, proprietors, has lately been completed, and was opened on January 1st last. The new building forms a handsome addition to the blocks of Port Arthur, and shows the progress which the town is making. It is a solid brick structure, with 56 feet frontage and a depth of 84 feet. The location is an excellent one, being convenient to the business portion of the town, railway station and steamship landings. A splendid view of the lake is also commanded from the house. The house is fitted throughout with all modern conveniences, including hot air heating, water pipes, bath rooms, etc. There are fifty bed rooms, all comfortably heated. The proprietors intend giving special attention to the commercial trade, and with this object in view have provided good accommodation in the way of sample rooms for travellers.