

Grain and Milling.

About 510,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed at Neepawa, Man., this season. The buyers say there is still 100,000 to come in.

Manning & Clark have purchased the flour mill located at Balmora Man., north of Stono-wall. They are busy putting in new machinery, and will start running shortly.

A correspondent at Elkhorn, Man., writes: "We want a good grist mill at this point and we think a liberal bonus could be obtained, provided some good practical miller with capital meant business."

It is reported that grain inspector Clauson of Minnesota has stated that out of 7,000 calls for re-inspection of cars of grain at Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth 3,000 were raised in grade and 116 lowered.

J. McCallum, of Pilot Mound, has gone to Birtle, Man., to move the machinery of a grist mill. The mill has three run of stones and was driven by water-power. As there is now a roller mill at Birtle the old stone mill is no longer needed.

The farmers' elevator scheme at Neepawa, Man., is being pushed. About 150 persons have agreed to take stock, and quite a portion of this has been paid in. It is proposed to erect a 75,000 bushel elevator. Notice for incorporation will be made at once.

The grain inspector at Winnipeg reports 304 cars of wheat inspected during the week ended 14th March. They graded as follows: 2 hard, 25 cars; 3 hard, 80 cars; 2 Northern, 26 cars; 3 Northern, 7 cars; 1 frosted, 72 cars; 2 frosted, 45 cars; feed and no grade, 49 cars.

A deputation from the Winnipeg Grain Exchange waited on the local Government last week and asked that some means be adopted to encourage the growth of white oats in the province. It was stated that dealers in the east objected to black oats, consequently white oats command better prices. This matter has already been fully discussed in these columns.

W. W. Plewes, of Brantford, Ontario, was present at a recent meeting of the Calgary, Alberta, council and desired to obtain some definite information in regard to the offer of the city to grant a site and exemption from taxation for the erection of a flour mill. He said he would require 100 feet frontage on the street, and if on a corner lot 200 feet in depth. A committee was appointed to confer with him.

The wheat market at Neepawa took a spurt recently, says the *Register* of March 13. The highest point touched was 91 cents. That figure was paid to W. C. Stewart for No. 2 hard. Another load brought 90 cents. The buyers quote 80 cents as the market value of the grain, but any good wheat will bring a higher figure than that while the spirit of opposition that now exist among the buyers continue.

The *Calgary Tribune* says: "Mr. Plewes, who has been here for about ten days, has left for Winnipeg and the east. He goes to Winnipeg to interview the C.P.R. officials on rates for wheat from eastern points to Calgary, and on flour from Calgary to the coast and intermediate points. If these rates can be arranged satisfactorily, Mr. Plewes will at once order machinery for a 100 barrel mill and will at the same time begin building operations so that the

mill will be ready for operation by the time next year's crop is harvested."

Grain dealers of Minnesota, says *American Elevator and Grain Trade*, will be pleased to hear that the Minnesota farmers' Alliance propose to send "a reliable, shrewd man to England to investigate the grain markets and arrange with some responsible English house for direct shipments of wheat from the primary markets of Minnesota to Liverpool." It is to be hoped that some of them will try this for at least one season, so that they may realize the gigantic profits which the exporters make, or rather the gigantic profits which they accuse them of making. The scheme, if tried, will surely end as did the Alliance Elevator Company.

The Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller* says that "receipts of wheat at Minneapolis from the beginning of the spring wheat crop year, August 1, to this time is 37,213,050 bushels. That is an increase above last year, which was the largest then, of nearly 4,000,000 bushels, but the receipts this year include above 1,000,000 bushels from Washington. Duluth has received 11,681,000 bushels, against 15,300,000 bushels to this time a year ago; so the increase here is more than offset by the decrease there. The amount of wheat in country elevators is some 300,000 bushels less than last year. It shows altogether that farmers have sold less wheat from August 1, than they had a year ago. It is admitted generally that the total crop was smaller this year than last, but it is an unsettled point as to whether there is less wheat left in farmers' hands than a year ago. Perhaps, with the addition of the wheat yet to come here from Washington, the quantity in farmers' hands would hold out as well as last year."

Saskatchewan.

A. Strachan has commenced business at Prince Albert in the tailoring line.

T. O. Davis, general merchant, Prince Albert, has closed his branch store at Duck Lake for the present.

W. R. Fish, merchant, Prince Albert, has received the appointment of census commissioner for that district.

Mahaffy will manage the branch general store to be established at Lethbridge, Alberta, by Mahaffy & Clinkskill, of Battleford.

The town council of Prince Albert has decided to raise by debenture \$7,000 for public improvements. This does not include the proposed new town hall.

Clinkskill, of Battleford, has received a letter from President Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific railway, in which it is stated that railway construction will be begun towards Battleford next summer, and that whether it is brought as far as Battleford or not it will certainly be extended to the crossing of the North Saskatchewan, near Henrietta, where it will connect with steamboats for Battleford and points westward. This refers to an extension from the Prince Albert branch, which will start at or near Saskatoon. It is only a short distance from Saskatoon to the north branch of the Saskatchewan river, and thence Battleford can be reached by steamer. The new maps published recently by the C. P. R., show a projected railway from Saskatoon to the north Saskatchewan, in the direction of Battleford.

Alberta.

An illicit still has been captured at Calgary. Lethbridge gamblers have been given notice to quit town.

H. Ransford, hotel, Banff, has assigned to G. C. King, of Calgary.

Neil Keith, of Calgary, has gone east for a couple of carloads of horses.

Sherlock & Higginbotham have opened in gents furnishing and clothing at Lethbridge.

E. H. Taaffo, formerly of Winnipeg, has finally opened in the clothing line at Lethbridge.

Dr. C. E. R. Vidal, late House Surgeon of Montreal general hospital, has located at Lethbridge.

J. U. Priour, barrister, St. Albert, dropped dead while listening to the result of the general elections.

A. McCaulay, from Portage la Prairie, contemplates opening a tailoring establishment at Lethbridge.

Mr. Freeman, of Sherlock & Freeman, general dealers, Lethbridge, will now locate permanently in Lethbridge, the firm's branch business at Grenfell having been fully made over to their successors.

The *Calgary Tribune*, of March 18, says: "Wm. Cullen, of the Springbank districts, began seeding to-day, two days after L. Hamilton, of the McLeod trail. Seeding will be general in this district next week."

Malcolm McLeod's thresher, says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, put through 65,000 bushels of grain during the past season. On a rough estimate oats ran from 60 to 100 bushels per acre, barley 33 to 55 and wheat 25 to 45.

The bridge across the Bow River at Calgary, on the route of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway, is about completed. It is a Howe truss bridge with three spans. Each span is 130 feet long, making the bridge proper 390 feet in all without approaches.

The hotels of Lethbridge, says the *News*, are taxed to their utmost capacity every night to accommodate the large number of travellers and visitors to the town. In one of the leading hotels a few nights ago, the beds were all filled and a party of eight commercial travellers were forced to seek rest and sleep on temporary accommodation furnished by billiard tables and sofas.

C. E. Conrad, of Fort Benton, Montana, has been for some time engaged in connection with the transfer of the general store trade of I. G. Baker & Co., of which firm he is a member, to the Hudson Bay Co. The firm of I. G. Baker & Co. will maintain its cattle business in Alberta where it has about 15,000 head of stock, and the meat business at Lethbridge will also be continued.

The annual meeting of the Edmonton board of trade was held on March 12, president J. Cameron in the chair. The secretary submitted the financial statement and the following officers were elected: President, John Cameron; vice president, E. Carey; secretary, C. F. Strang; treasurer, A. Taylor. Council: Jas. McDonald, J. A. McDougall, F. Oliver, W. Johnstone Walker, A. D. Osborne, W. Fielders, R. Strachan, P. V. Gauvreau, H. W. McKenney and Fraser Tims. Arbitrators: John Cameron, Geo. Roy, E. Raymer, H. S. Young, Dr. Wilson, P. Daly, M. McCaulay, D. Ross.