

**Manitoba.**

Geo. McPhail has opened in the flour and feed business at Rapid City.

Mr. Wagner, of Ossowa, has established a creamery among the farmers of Langenburg, Arsa.

H. C. Ross is negotiating for a site at the Rapid City station upon which to erect a grain warehouse.

The C. P. R. Souris branch will be opened for business to Airdrie, formerly Hartney, on Monday (to-day). Airdrie is about eighty miles from Souris.

There was a meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange on Wednesday. It was decided to secure a charter of incorporation from the legislature at its next session.

M. Thompson, Rapid City, has severed his connection with Harris, Son & Co. He will in the future handle the Deering binder and Canadian and American plows.

The Northwest Aerated Water Company of Winnipeg has been sending around a case of its goods along with the usual Xmas calendar. This is something of a substantial "compliment of the season."

The Brandon Times, the leading conservative paper of Manitoba, is out straight against high tariff. It says: "We believe that the candidate for Dominion honors in the next election, who takes high tariff as a plank in his platform, will be defeated, and that is one reason why we advise the Conservatives who are our friends and in whom we are interested to adopt a modified tariff platform."

**British Grain Trade.**

The Mark Lane Express of Dec. 15, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "The prices of foreign wheats are against sellers, excepting for Russian, which are firm, owing to the ice blockade at the Black sea ports. Flour is steady. Corn is in increased supply. This is balanced, however, by a strong demand. Mixed American is quoted at 27s on spot and 24s 9d on the passage. At Monday's market English wheats were slow of sale at unchanged prices. Foreign wheats were steady. California was firm. Flour was firm, though the trade was limited. There was a fair trade in barley and prices were steady. The prices of corn were sustained. Canadian peas advanced 6d. Oats, rye and beans were firm."

**The Car Shortage in Ontario.**

Recently a report was published denying that there was any car shortage at points said to be affected. The following statement, however, does not look like a free movement of cars:— A consignment of 17,000 bushels of wheat was shipped from Winnipeg, via Beatty line of steamers and Sarnia, on Nov. 10. Drafts were made on this on Toronto. On Nov. 22 the drafts came back to Winnipeg, and the shippers could get no satisfaction from the Grand Trunk railway about the wheat. The drafts were again sent to Toronto on Nov. 29, by which time there had been a loss of 8 cents per bushel in the value of the wheat through the decline in prices. It was not until Dec. 10 that the first two cars of this wheat had been heard from as shipped from Sarnia.



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