

company's costly new buildings, improvements and extensions within the city.

It is a result of this and the smelter movement expected that there will next spring be felt in Vancouver the greatest revival of trade and largest development of new industrial activity noted since the boom days of some six years since, whilst on this occasion advance should be general and permanent and effect trade and industry first, reality values later. The city's taking of stock to the extent of \$65,000 in the smelter and refinery to be built on the harbor front, probably in the suburb township of Hastings, is likely to be approved by citizens vote and another big industry subsidiary to the city thus established.

The results of the Golden Cache first ore crushings—\$10 to the ton in gold—are thought here to indicate, allowance being duly made for the new plates absorption of gold and fact that the best rock was not put through that Lillooet will prove profitably productive in free milling gold, but only if and when ample capital and excellent modern machinery are forthcoming. Vancouver is very strongly interested in the Lillooet gold country.

#### Adulteration of Flour.

The New York Journal of Commerce gives warning against a proposed adulteration of flour with corn starch. It says that the secretary of a glucose trust has issued a circular proposing to furnish corn starch in great quantities, with the assurance that it can be mixed with flour up to ten per cent. The Modern Miller of St. Louis says on this subject: We do not anticipate any trouble with our foreign trade, as the mixer has not the nerve to send his products on a long voyage, but in the domestic trade, and especially in Southern markets, the time has about come when the millers of pure wheat flour must either defeat the mixing fraud or surrender to it. The suggestion is made that the U. S. Congress authorize the Department of Agriculture to afford protection by requiring a distinct brand in cases where flour is mixed with corn starch. The matter concerns every miller and purchaser of flour.

#### The Lumber Trade.

The Rainy River Boom company will improve and strengthen the booms very considerably this fall, to avert trouble from the usual spring freshet.

The Assiniboine lumber mills, of Brandon, have cut 5,000,000 feet of lumber this year, besides which, it is said, 10,000,000 feet have been shipped to that place from outside mills. This would indicate that Brandon is a large consuming market for lumber.

The report that a large lumbering industry would be established at Winnipeg, has had a set back by a denial from the alleged president of the alleged company, that he knew anything about the matter. The report read too much like a "boom" story to be fully credited, especially the statement of the amount of lumber which would be cut and the shipment of lumber to Dakota.

It is reported that H. B. Mitchell, of S. Laik, a well-known business man of that place, engaged in the lumber trade, will lose his arm through a gun accident.

A beautiful specimen of the Douglas fir has been shipped from New Westminster, B. C., to Kew Gardens, London, England, the great botanical and forestry display centre. The actual length of the tree was over 250 feet from ground to top, and 116 from ground to first limb. Owing to large roots at the base, the tree had to be felled some eight to ten feet from the ground to get a clear section, and as perfect a circle as possible. The section was seven feet in diameter. On the butt, measurement ran between eight and nine feet.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says. The feature of the trade situation is the steady advance of white pine prices, which is being done not only on paper but in the actual sales made. Where white pine comes in competition with southern pine it is found to be an easy matter to secure better prices than have prevailed the past month, and at down river points particularly advanced lists have been issued by nearly every wholesale concern quoting prices on nearly all items at an advance of from 50 cents to \$1.50 over the prices that prevailed early in September. Southern pine has advanced in price much more than has the northern article, but with the advances that have been made the past week in white pine, and others that are very likely to follow, it will not be long before northern pine bears the same relation to the southern article that it has in the past. White pine shingles are particularly strong, there being no large stocks of them anywhere in the country. From \$1.75 per thousand, and even less a few months ago, they have advanced in price to \$2.25 at present, and few wholesalers are able to fill all of the orders for shingles that they received.

#### Grain and Milling.

Gasoline engines have been put in a large number of elevators this year.

The new flour mill at Holmfeld, Man., is nearing completion.

The Sturgis elevator at Buffalo, N. Y., was burned on Oct. 27. Loss \$100,000; insurance \$75,000.

Several cargoes of wheat have been shipped from Duluth and Chicago, owing to the premium in Chicago wheat over Duluth.

E. L. Drewry, brewer, Winnipeg, requires a large quantity of malting barley, and is desirous of receiving samples from farmers or dealers who have such to dispose of.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has forwarded a check for \$200 to the mayor of Windsor, Nova Scotia, for the relief of sufferers by the recent fire in that town.

T. B. Baker is building an elevator at Moose Jaw, Assinibola. It will have a capacity of 30,000 bushels, and will be operated by a ten-horse power gasoline engine.

S. M. Taylor, in charge of the elevator at Woods, in Dakota, was gagged and robbed by masked men. The sum of \$1,030 was received by the robbers.

The shipment of wheat in bond from Manitoba via Durh is much heavier this year than last. To date last year the receipts had been 420 cars, and this year the amount is 1,400 cars. This may only indicate the earlier marketing of wheat this year, which is common to all parts of Manitoba.

#### The Live Stock Trade.

Gordon & Ironsides have sent several shipments of stocker cattle to the farmers along the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, for distribution among them.

R. J. Wilson, of Wawanesa, returned recently from St. Paul, Minnesota. While away Mr. Nelson made arrangements to send down several shipments of Manitoba stocker cattle to the Twin City markets. He thinks he can do a profitable business in spite of the 20 per cent. duty imposed by the Dingley tariff.

The cattle shipments this season from the Manitoba and Northwestern railway districts, show a large increase compared with last year. Up to the 31st October, 1896, 7,120 head of cattle were handled by that railway, while up to the present date this year 71,461 head have been shipped.

The following shipments of live stock are reported: Chalmers Bros. & Bethune shipped twenty-six cars of cattle from Pilot Mound to Montreal; Campbell & McGregor shipped one car from Crystal City and seven cars from Manitou. The latter hold over 100 head for stall feeding. D. J. McLean shipped eight cars of stocker cattle west and five of fat cattle east from Warden. E. E. Turner shipped a car of hogs to Winnipeg; W. B. Merrick a car of fat cattle to Rat Portage, from McGregor.

#### Argentine Wheat Crop.

The Philadelphia Press recalls that "the Argentine wheat crop has never amounted to much, except to give the European buyer an excuse to bear the price of wheat of more important exporting countries. The largest crop ever raised was 85,000,000 bushels, and the largest exportable surplus was 56,000,000 bushels. Such a crop ought not to interfere with our market in Europe, especially when the facilities of geographical position and transportation are taken into account. The crop and exports to Europe of Argentina for a series of years have been as follows in bushels:

	Crop.	Export to Europe.
1892...	34,000,000	16,800,000
1893...	58,000,000	33,600,000
1894...	81,000,000	56,000,000
1895...	60,000,000	37,600,000
1896...	44,000,000	18,000,000
1897...	28,000,000	2,000,000

The seller of wheat of this country ought not to let Argentine wholly influence the European markets at any period of the crop year."

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