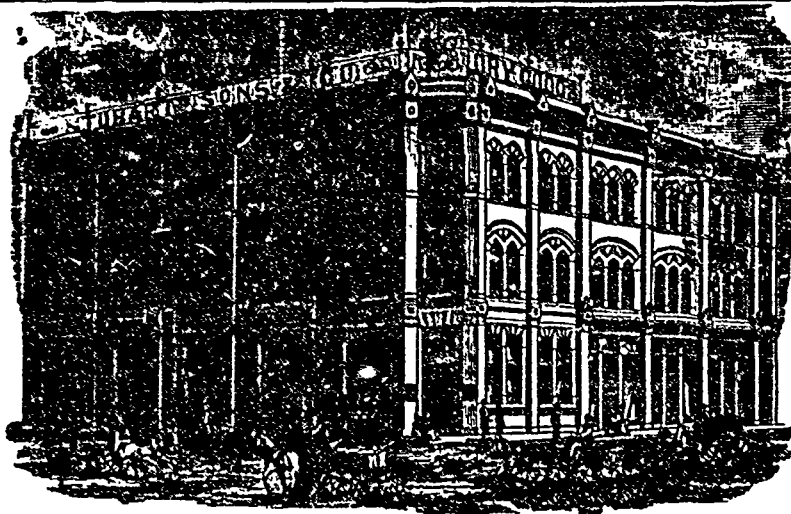


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### Lumber Cuttings.

Calgary Tribune:—J. S. McEwan and Mr. Grahame arrived from Minneapolis last week, and are going out to Red Deer to erect the mills for the Alberta Lumber Company.

The C. P. R. premises, says the Port Arthur *Sentinel*, present the appearance of a large lumber yard. There is already about 3,000,000 feet of material for the elevators. The present lumber contract calls for 5,000,000 feet—mostly square stuff, and two-inch stuff in the walls. The lower stories are laid with 2x12, the next 2x8, and the upper ones 2x6. These are laid one upon another and spiked together, forming solid walls of timber—the exterior being covered with iron.

### Grain and Milling.

Work on McMillan's new elevator at Morden, Man., has been commenced.

It is reported that another elevator is to be built at Indian Head, Assa., this fall.

W. M. Alexander, of Alexander, Kelly & Co., went out shooting recently. The traces broke, resulting in a general smash up, and Mr. Alexander had his collar bone broken.

A representative of the Keewatin Milling Company arrived at Morden, Man., lately, to locate the site for an elevator. The company will have buyers at all the principal wheat markets shortly.

Most of the farmers in the Moose Jaw district, it is said, have secured their crops in excellent condition, and threshing has commenced. It is estimated that there will be 120,000 bushels of No. 1 hard marketed at Moose Jaw this season.

The *News*, published at Lethbridge, Alberta, says:—We have in our office a sample of fall wheat grown at Lees Creek, by Geo. L. Farrel, which is as fine a sample as can be found in any country. It is, we believe, the first fall wheat grown in this section of country and shows that fall wheat if properly tended to can be raised to good advantage. This crop, which is of the Odessa variety, was sown on the 8th October and was ready for cutting on the 11th Sept.

A 25,000 bushel elevator has been commenced at Regina.

Oats are worth money in the far northwest. The Edmonton *Bulletin* says:—The first grain marketed this season was a load of 70 bushels of oats delivered recently to M. McCauley, by McLeod Bros., of Little Mountain. The price was \$1 a bushel.

During the year ended September 1, Atlantic exports from America were 27,720,188 bushels, and 10,328,960 barrels of flour, altogether equalling 74,202,411 bushels of wheat. The Pacific coast sent out in the same period 19,154,173 bushels of wheat and 1,301,216 barrels of flour, together equalling 25,099,652 bushels of wheat. More than three-fifths of the Atlantic exports went as flour, while of the Pacific only about one-fourteenth went as flour.

Last week C. A. Pillsbury & Co., the big Minneapolis millers, distributed a \$40,000 dividend among their employees, and every one who had been on their pay roll for two years or more received a portion of this comfortable sum. In no case did it amount to less than one month's salary. This firm has been working on the principle of distributing a portion of the profits among its employees, notwithstanding that full wages are paid. This is a very commendable action.

Prime writes:—"If the average crop of merchantable spring wheat in the Territory of Dakota should ultimately yield eight to ten bushels per acre it is all we may expect. Threshing returns in the south, one-third of the territory, have so far not exceeded six bushels per acre of a poor quality of wheat, the central one-third has not exceeded eight bushels per acre of a fair to good quality, and the northern one third not to exceed twelve bushels, and not more than ten bushels of that is of good wheat. It is a very serious question what will be done with all this large proportion of low grade wheat. It cannot take its place in the eastern market with the 1887 crop, and therefore cannot be used by mills that have good wheat, and it will make flour, at least one-third to one-half of it, that will not be fit even to "feed the pauper laborers of Europe."

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