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Paint Announcement!

THE WILLIAM JOHNSON COMPANY having sold their business to the "Canada Paint Company," who have also purchased the business of the "A. G. Peuchen Company" (and others): This is to announce that I have severed all connections with them and have started a NEW BUSINESS in my FACTORY ON MILL STREET, where, with the NEW EQUIPMENT added to existing plant, I have now the best facilities in Canada for manufacturing PAINTS, COLORS and VARNISHES. I have also associated with me the principal men who have assisted me in the past in establishing the enviable reputations which the "Johnson Colors" enjoy to day. I make this announcement feeling that I am justly entitled to say that the production of my new works will take and maintain the lead for Excellence and Quality. All business entrusted to me will be appreciated and receive the best care and attention.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, . . MONTREAL.

Grain and Milling.

The farmers at Macdonald station, Man., are talking of building an elevator.

Buffalo, United States, has forty-five elevators, with capacity for 14,525,000 bushels.

The total shipments of wheat from Morden, Manitoba, up to ten days ago, amounted to 465,000 bushels.

It is reported that Mr. Muirhead, of Port Arthur, will, if he gets favorable terms, establish flour, oatmeal and pot barley mills in Calgary.

The Winnipeg grain exchange has established a charity fund, not for bursted grain men, but for general charitable purposes. The members have subscribed \$5 each to the fund.

The Board of Agriculture of Great Britain reports a decrease of wheat growing area in Scotland of 14 per cent., in Wales 10 per cent., in the southwest of England 9½ per cent. and in the rest of England 2 per cent.

A public meeting was held recently at Killarney, Man., to arrange for the construction of a grist mill there. The committee received several offers from responsible parties. It appears that the offer of a firm from Regina will be accepted.

A beautiful sample of wheat was shown on Change, Winnipeg, one day last week. The variety was Campbell's white chaff, and the sample was sent by Prof. Saunders, director of the Dominion experimental farms. The wheat was grown at Red Deer, Alberta. It appeared to be a hard wheat, and was greatly admired by the grain men present.

A number of farmer's elevators are likely to be erected in Manitoba this year. Several were established last fall at country points, and several new companies are already projected to erect elevators next summer. The low price of wheat this winter has led the farmers to hold their stuff, and they imagine that they

could do better if they could store the grains in their own hands at a shipping point.

The Edmonton district, Alberta territory, will not do much longer without a roller mill. Mackenzie, Ross, Holt, Mann and Nanton, are the applicants for letters patent incorporating a milling company with a capital of \$35,000. The parties named are all capitalists, who own a large amount of land at Edmonton, and who are, therefore, desirous of furthering the welfare of the town. What they do will be done properly.

The finest sample of wheat shown from the crop of 1891, grown anywhere in Manitoba or the territories, is probably one sent from Prince Albert by Mr. Davidson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s business at that place, to the manager of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s mill at Winnipeg. It is a practically pure red fife, and for size of berry and plumpness is a wonderfully fine sample.

The new town of Carnduff, Man., has added to her already large grain storing capacity another warehouse erected by Mr. Sproat. There are six grain dealers, Ironside, representing N. Bawlf; R. McGuire, for the Lake of the Woods; W. A. Smith, for Roblin & Armitage; James Sproat, for J. K. McLennan; and A. N. Shaw, for Harris & Grant. The average delivery of wheat is from one thousand bushels upwards and it is of an excellent quality.

Reference was made last week to the fact that the railways will carry seed wheat in Manitoba and the territories free. This will be done between March 1st and April 15th. The wheat must be fife variety, and equal to No. 2 or better. Seed wheat offered for shipment will be examined by the shipping agent, and if equal to official sample will be forwarded. The wheat on arrival at destination will be delivered free on execution of a satisfactory bond from consignee that the wheat will be sown by him on his farm, and used for no other

purpose. Shipments intended for delivery at flag stations must be covered by special order from the traffic department of the initial line.

The Winnipeg Free Press published last Friday a portion of an article which appeared in THE COMMERCIAL several weeks earlier, regarding a test of milling qualities of Ladoga wheat, made at the Minnesota experimental farm. The Free Press concludes, that unless Ladoga wheat grown in Manitoba can make a better showing than the Minnesota article, it would be useless to encourage the growth of the variety here. THE COMMERCIAL last week published the result of a milling test with a northern-grown Ladoga wheat (Prince Albert district), which showed the wheat to possess some of the leading defects apparent in the Minnesota test.

A Change.

An important change has taken place in the paint manufacturing trade of the east. A syndicate has purchased the works of the Wm. Johnson Company and other works in Montreal and Toronto and will do business under the name of the Canada Paint Company. Wm. Johnson, the head of the Montreal concern, does not join in the new arrangement, but starts on his own account in a new factory on Mill street, Montreal, where he will no doubt meet the success, which his rare business ability entitles him to expect.

Mr. Johnson takes into his employment, in his new factory, quite a number of the most responsible assistants, who were under him in the old factory, and among the number, T. H. Rothwell, who has for many years represented the old company in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, and who is deservedly popular in those districts, not only in his own trade, but among business men generally.

While wishing success to the new combination, it is safe to say, there is no person in the northwest, who will not wish Mr. Johnson success in his new factory.

Thos. Marks, of Port Arthur, has purchased the steamer Cambria for \$7,500. She will run next season between Port Arthur and Duluth.

The most disastrous fire for years occurred at Port Arthur on February 28. The situation was the block bounded by Arthur, Cumberland, Lorne and Water streets. It started in a building occupied by S.A. Hoover as a clothing store. The buildings burned were owned by W. J. Clark. The Sill estate, Henry Foote, James Connors' building next door was pulled down. The Marks, Dickson and Clarke blocks escaped. The loss on buildings and stock will amount to \$10,000. Insurance as nearly as can be ascertained is \$1,300 on building owned by W. J. Clark and on Hoover's stock, \$2,500. Farrell, jeweller, who occupied Clark's building saved his stock.