

the Union Bank of Canada having lately bought out the banking business of Le Jeune, Smith & Co., and will continue the business as a regular branch of the Union.

Moosomin is the centre for the judicial district of Eastern Assinibola, and it has the court house, jail and other official buildings of the district. There is also a splendid school building, with high and normal school departments. In the line of churches there are buildings of the Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist and Episcopalian denominations.

### Grain and Milling.

Ten carloads of Manitoba wheat have been shipped to Victoria, B.C., for the new flour mill recently completed there.

This makes a grand total of 45,693 tons, or 1,523,100 bushels in addition to which 750,000 bushels was taken eastward by other vessels.

Voting took place recently on the by-law to bonus a grist mill in Glenboro to the amount of \$3,000. The by-law was carried by a slight majority.

Samuel Hanna, a successful farmer of Griswold, Man., has raised 18,000 bushels of wheat this year, the most of which he says he has sold for eighty cents per bushel.

The new flour mill at Austin, Man., is nearing completion, and it is expected to be running about the 15th of January. There are about 150,000 bushels of grain to be marketed at Austin, it is estimated, and there are no buyers on the market.

The fine weather, says the *Manitou Mercury*, has enabled the farmers to get along well with their threshing, and has also given the grain a chance to dry out and improve in quality. The sample of grain now being marketed at this point is much better than it was at the beginning of the season.

The Portage Plains, which include also High Bluff, Burnside and McDonald stations, have this year to date marketed some 880,000 bushels of wheat, of which was marketed at High Bluff 130,000, McDonald 200,000, Burnside 50,000, Portage 500,000; total 880,000. It is considered that fully two million bushels will be the yield for the year. There is in the Portage a storage capacity of 300,000 bushels.

The following is the amount of wheat in tons sent from Fort William elevators during the seven months from May to November, inclusive, of this year, by the two steamship lines mentioned:

	C.P.R. line	Beatty line
May	7,049	1,142
June	6,131	806
July	3,422	688
August	3,778	105
September	3,589	93
October	5,273	1,173
November	6,552	5,056
Total tons	35,794	9,899

The *Winnipeg Tribune* says: "A couple of weeks ago it was announced that Superintendent Whyte of the C.P.R. had received instructions from authorities at the C.P.R. headquarters in Montreal to arrange for the construction of a number of storage grain warehouses at points on the main and branch lines in Manitoba. As soon as the announcement became known throughout the province a number of applications were sent to Mr. Whyte for the erection of storage warehouses at different points. While the location of the

several warehouses has not yet been decided on, the requests from Morden and Manitou were so urgent that the C.P.R. officials acceded to the petition. The necessary material was forwarded to these points last week, gangs of men were dispatched the following day, and the work of construction is now in progress. Both at Morden and Manitou, warehouses 35x40 feet, for the storage of farmers' grain, are being erected, and will be completed this week."

The following description of the new flour mill at McGregor, Manitoba, has been published:—The new flour mill at McGregor which has been erected by Whitelaw, of Woodstock, Ont., in the place of the one which was burned in December, 1889, is one of the very best in the province. The building on the ground floor is 32x70 feet, is four stories high and is of wood to be covered with sheet iron. In the second floor are five double sets of rolls, chopping mill, aspirator, four flour packers, bran and shorts bins. On the third floor there are six of the latest improved round flour dressing reels, one centrifugal reel for low grade, two large purifiers, one aspirator, three sieve scalpels, and stock-hopper. The fourth and last floor is occupied by a machine for cleaning chop feed, bran reel, a reel for grain middlings, a wire reel through which the grain runs after being elevated from the bins. There are fourteen elevators running from the floor to the peak of the roof, in all about forty-five feet in height, and three short elevators. The boiler and engine like all the rest of the machinery, is Whitelaw's make. The boiler is 85 horse power and the engine 75. The engine is a Buckeye of the latest make. The mill is run by George Rogers and is busy night and day. His brother Harry is head miller. The capacity is one hundred and twenty-five barrels. A spur track has been built to the mill so that cars can be loaded without any trouble.

### British Columbia Letter.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Vancouver, December 22.—Since writing my last letter the scheme for the reclamation of Pitt Meadows, a tract of 30,000 acres of the finest meadow land in the Province, or the world, has been fully consummated and the work will go on as soon as the dredge can be built. The members of the syndicate are Mayor Oppenheimer, of Vancouver; J. P. Pike, Chatham, Ont; W. J. Harriss, Port Hammond; Wm. Saxsmith, of Lulu Island; D. M. Eberests, M. P.P., Victoria, and one or two others. Mr. Pike is the practical man and through whose experience and energy the enterprise is likely to succeed. The scheme is to dyle by throwing up banks with a dredge and then pumping the rainfall and inside water over an embankment into the river and channels made by the dredge. Four or five of these pumps will by working a small portion of the time be able to keep the land perfectly dry, as has been demonstrated over and over again in Western Ontario, Virginia and other places. The whole matter has been pushed with vigor, Mr. Pike only having arrived here two weeks ago. The importance of this scheme to the agricultural development of the Province can scarcely be overestimated.

The extensive dry dock scheme and harbor improvements at Vancouver intimated in my last letter, has also taken definite shape and Mr. Hamersley, who has returned from Ottawa,

gives notice of an act to incorporate a company for the purpose.

In the past three or four weeks it has rained with a violence seldom experienced on the coast, the downfall being accompanied by considerable wind, which occasioned a good deal of damage and delay to shipping and resulted in floods on the Island. The E. & N. railway was damaged to quite an extent thereby and the Cowichan district flooded.

The steamer *Batavia*, after a very stormy voyage, has arrived with a large consignment of Japanese oranges which are retailing at \$1.25 per box and 550 tons of raw sugar for the refinery at Vancouver, which expects to start operations about the middle of January.

Business is good in some lines, but somewhat affected by the bad weather. With a good supply of Xmas goods, the retail dealers are not giving orders and consequently the wholesale trade is quiet for the nonce. The market is well stocked with poultry, several car loads having arrived for holiday consumption, and is being retailed from 17 to 25c per pound. There is absolutely no fish in the market, but game is plentiful. The famine in good case eggs has been put an end to by the arrival of a car load of fresh eastern eggs, choice in quality, which are retailing at 30c.

Apples are plentiful, but not for eating purposes, and sell at about \$1.50 a box. Oranges and lemons are quoted as follows: California, \$5 to \$6 per case; lemons, California, \$8 to \$9 per case; Sicily, \$11.50 to \$12. Vegetables are very fine and selling cheap. Potatoes are causing holders anxiety on account of the mild weather, but the farmers are keeping up prices. No change has occurred in cheese and butter. Stocks are large and demand good; creamery ranges from 25 to 28c jobbing lots, and cheese 12½c. Choice dairy brings from 20 to 23c. Hay and oats steady at old prices viz., \$16 and \$30 per ton, respectively. The following prices are current in other lines:

Feed is steady, and quotations are as follows: Shorts, \$27; chopped feed, \$35; bran, \$24; wheat, \$35. Flour is steady, the following is a list of the chief brands on the market: Manitoba patents, \$6.25; Manitoba bakers, \$6; Portland, \$5.25; Dayton, \$5.10; 2 Star, \$5.25; rolled oats, \$3.50 per sack; oatmeal, \$3.50; cornmeal, \$3.15 per 100. Onions are \$3 per 100 pounds for native, and \$6 for Spanish. Dry salt pork, 11c; roll bacon, 11½c; breakfast, 13c; hams 14½c. Lard is firm at 12½c in tins and 11½c in pails. Salt salmon is worth \$9.50 for 200 pound barrel; canned salmon is still at \$4.50 per case. All canned and dried fruits are firm, as is also sugar: Yellow 6½c; granulated 7½c.

Next week I shall endeavor to find you a short review of trade in British Columbia for the year 1890, which may be found interesting.

James Stewart, of the firm of Jas. Stewart & Co., stove manufacturers, Hamilton, Ont., was struck with paralysis ten days ago and died Wednesday morning, having never regained consciousness. He was aged 76.

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