

Grain and Milling.

Work has been begun on the grain warehouse at Binscarth, Man.

The elevator on the C. P. R. track at Winnipeg, known as the Winnipeg elevator, is offered for sale.

The new elevator at West Lynne, Man, on the N. P. & M. railway, is being pushed rapidly to completion.

The secretary-treasurer of the Winnipeg general hospital has acknowledged the receipt of \$75 donation from the Ogilvie Milling Co., of Winnipeg.

A. Atkinson, of Roblin & Atkinson, grain dealer, Winnipeg, has returned from a lengthy trip in the east, to be ready for the opening of the grain trade.

A sample of Manitoba white fye wheat took first prize at the Toronto exhibition last week. It was the only sample of Manitoba wheat exhibited for competition.

G. V. Hastings, of the Keewatin flour mill, was in Winnipeg last week, looking after business affairs here and throughout Manitoba. The company is preparing to handle the new wheat crop.

The amount of wheat in store at the C. P. R. elevators at Lake Superior is growing small. On Monday last it amounted to 201,529 bushels, the amount shipped for the week previous was 88,573 bushels.

A meeting for fixing the grain standards for Manitoba and the Territories will be held at Winnipeg on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when the delegates appointed by the various boards of trade will assemble here.

A meeting of farmers around Rapid City will be held at that place, to consider the advisability of shipping their own grain and, as the local paper says, of "putting in their own pockets the profits paid to middlemen."

J. Minty, a mill expert, has gone to Onion Lake, Saskatchewan territory. He will examine the machinery of the Indian mill at Frog Lake, the building of which was interrupted by the rebellion, with a view of ascertaining to the extent it can yet be utilized.

It is estimated says the Calgary Tribune, that Sir John Lester Kaye will have about 120,000 bushels of grain on his farms this year, which will leave a surplus of at least 40,000 bushels after supplying the farms with food and seed. This is not so bad for the first season.

P. McCoy Clarke, mechanical superintendent of the Ogilvie system of flour mills, was in Winnipeg last week, installing a new head miller in the mill here, to take the place of Mr. Kelly, who has taken a position in the Keewatin mill. Mr. Clarke says the Winnipeg mill will do better work this season than ever before.

A number of Portage la Prairie farmers shipped recently several car lots of wheat to Duluth, via the new Northern Pacific and Manitoba branch, for storage. This wheat it has now been learned has graded No 2, according to Duluth standards. The wheat was loaded on cars from wagons, and not having been put through an elevator, was pretty dirty, hence the low grade.

McLean & McRobie, a firm of farmers, whose place is located near Macdonald station, on the Manitoba Northwestern, one station from Portage la Prairie, have this year 1,300 acres of wheat which will average about thirty bushels per acre or in round numbers 40,000 bushels of wheat. This amounts to about 66 car loads, or over three trains of twenty cars each. This is what may be called "farming."

T. H. Metcalfe has been appointed manager this year of the Farmers' elevator at Portage la Prairie. Patterson, manager last year, will buy grain on his own hook. The principle on which this elevator is run is to lease the bins to farmers, who fill them with wheat on stock. The bins hold from 2,000 to 4,000 bushels each, and a number of farmers in the vicinity will fill two bins each, which shows that the Portage farmers grow wheat on a large scale. All the available space in the elevator was engaged within two or three days after the wheat movement commenced, and applications were pouring in for more room, which could not be supplied.

The Winnipeg Free Press recently had an article on the growth of the milling industry in the west, containing what purported to be a list of all roller mills in the country. The list, however, was very incomplete, several of the best mills having been omitted. Following are the mills omitted: Jas. Jermyn, Minnedosa, capacity 100 barrels; Shoal Lake Milling Company, Shoal Lake, capacity 100 barrels; Mitchell & Rucknal, Millwood, capacity 100 barrels; Geo. McCulloch & Co., Rapid City, capacity 150 barrels; McCulloch & Herriot, Plum Creek, capacity 150 barrels; J. H. Fraser & Co., Morden, capacity 100 barrels. There are also three or four new mills not mentioned, which will soon be ready for grinding. These are located one each at Gretna, Birtle and Boissevain. A complete list of mills, together with a sketch of the growth of the industry here, was published in THE COMMERCIAL some time ago.

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

W. H. Shaver, fruit, Ottawa, has assigned.
Noah Parent, grocer, Windsor, has sold out.
Robert Munro, grocer, etc., Forest, has sold out.

H. Barnes, furniture, Rat Portage, has assigned.
McCrimmon Bros., dry goods, Lindsay, have assigned.

Wm. J. Stephens, grocer, Markdale, has assigned.

A. E. Baker, general store, Woodland, has assigned.

J. H. Whelan, general store, Westport, has sold out.

W. A. Griffin & Co., grocers, Petrolia, have sold out.

Wilkinson Plow Co., Aurora, has removed to Toronto.

Mrs. R. Kerr, baker and confectionery, Galt, has sold out.

A. H. Corbett, flour and feed, Huntsville, has assigned.

C. S. Jackson, shoes, International Bridge, has assigned.

John England, baker, Bowmanville, has removed to Galt.

Swain & Carley, boots and shoes, Brantford, have dissolved.

Mann & Co. general store, Fletcher, have removed to Petrolia.

Jesse E. Thompson, shoes, etc., Gilmour Station, has assigned.

Taylor & Luton, furniture and undertaker, Meaford, have assigned.

T. B. Riggs, confectionery etc., Palmerston, has giving up business.

Sutton & Ferguson, hotel, Port Stanley; style now Ferguson & Durban.

Britnell & Walters, builders materials, Toronto, have assigned.

H. Kolisky, tailor, Toronto, has removed to West Toronto Junction.

E. W. Bauslaugh, general store, Kingsville; style now Bauslaugh & Scratch.

D. Sanders, furniture, Warkworth, has removed to West Toronto Junction.

Crossen Bros., grocers, West Toronto Junction, have dissolved. B. S. Crossen continues alone.

QUEBEC.

Jackson Rae, financial agent, Montreal, is dead.

J. Z. Forest, grocer, Montreal, has compromised.

Bourque & Cote, tailor, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned.

M. O. David, jr., tailor, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned.

M. O. David, sr., tailor, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned.

A. Audet & Co., carpenters, Montreal, have dissolved.

Canada Cigar Box Factory, Montreal, have dissolved.

M. Denis & Co., painters, Montreal, have dissolved.

J. C. Rousseau, grocer, Three Rivers, meeting of creditors held on 12th inst.

On the Pacific Coast.

Chief Commissioner Wrigley, of the Hudson's Bay company, recently returned to Winnipeg from the coast, where he has been making an inspection of the company's posts. He went along the west coast by steamer as far as Queen Charlotte Islands and Port Simpson, 500 miles north of Victoria, calling at the various posts en route. At Port Simpson the salmon fisheries and canneries are the principal, in fact the only industries of that district. The catch in the northern rivers, Mr. Wrigley says, has not been so large this year as in the Fraser River. Mr. Wrigley says the Indians of the west coast are vastly different in respect to their customs and habits, to the Plain Indians; they are much more industrious and thrifty and make a good living. They obtain an ample food supply from the water, and in the summer obtain work at the canneries at good wages, so that at a rule they are well off. They live in frame houses and enjoy more comforts than their red brethren on this side of the Mountains. The Indians on Queen Charlotte Islands engage in the seal fisheries, some of them on their own account. A company has started to mine coal in one of the Queen Charlotte group. It is hard coal of a good quality, and is supposed to exist in large quantities. Mr. Wrigley found the climate of the west coast extremely humid, the fall of rain and moisture being remarkably heavy. He visited Metakahla, an interesting spot, and paid his respects to Bishop Ridley, who resides there. The village bore a deserted appearance, a number of houses having been left vacant by the removal of so many Indians to Alaska by Mr. Duncan, who was dissatisfied with the treatment his claims received from the Government. Some of the Indians have returned and it is thought that more will soon follow. The church, which was depleted by the Indians before their departure, has been repaired. At Vancouver Mr. Wrigley noticed extensive improvement since last year. A considerable amount of building is being done and the buildings are of a substantial kind, being built of brick and stone. Victoria is flourishing, Mr. Wrigley says, and shows signs of material progress.—Free Press.