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From Western Fields.

MILLING COMPANY'S IMPORTANT EXTENSIONS.

**An Anglo-Saxon West—New Grain Exchange—
Shipments by G.T.P.—Eastern Bankers in West
—American Capitalists in British Columbia.**

Mr. F. W. Thompson, general manager of the Ogilvie Milling Company, has announced that the company will make additions to their present plant in Winnipeg so as to double its capacity. This will give a total day capacity there of 6,000 bushels. The mills as at present constituted are going to be inadequate to keep pace with the growing demand for export flour. "We are going to branch out right here in the West, in which we have always had unbounded faith," said Mr. Thompson. "A good share of Europe and the Orient are clamoring for Canadian flour and we are going to give it to them when they want it and as they want it."

During his trip in the West, Mr. Thompson will arrange for the outlay of considerably more than one million dollars. The company are making extensive plans for extension of their terminal elevator facilities and their milling plant at Fort William, while approximately sixty elevators will be built at important receiving points in the West. Incidentally, it may be said that 220 new private and company-owned elevators were built in the West this year, so that there are now 1,700 elevators over the lines of the various railroads.

Mr. Thompson made another announcement of interest to Fort William. The general details have been completed for the erection of a wire drawing mill and nail cutting factory, and a site has been selected in West Fort for the plant of the Canadian Iron & Foundry Company's works. Barb wire and nails will be the chief articles manufactured.

Nearly Three-Fourths of Year's Homesteaders are English-speaking.

The annual report of the Department of the Interior shows that the number of homestead entries made during the year 1908-9 was 39,081, involving 6,252,960 acres, as compared with 39,424 entries and 4,867,840 acres in the previous fiscal year. This is the largest total in the history of the department except in 1906, when the number of entries was 41,869.

Of the entries last year 10,289 were made by Canadians, 10,522 by Americans, 5,649 by English, 3,342 by Austro-Hungarians, 1,310 by Scotch, and the balance by all nationalities. Included in the list are four Doukhobors, six Chinese, four Japanese, four Persians and two Hindus. The total homestead entries represented 93,582 people.

New Grain Exchange at Calgary.

The Calgary Grain Exchange opened for business this week, though its new \$150,000 grain ex-

change building is not yet completed. Henceforth Calgary prices will be listed with grain markets such as Liverpool, Winnipeg, Chicago, Boston, etc. The organizers state that farmers will benefit materially, as it will be possible to purchase grain on much closer margin than formerly. It is stated that only cash transactions will be made. The exchange is capitalized at \$100,000, there being 200 seats, 125 of which are being placed on the market this year.

Grain elevators throughout the West are filling up rapidly, and inspections indicate that some 85 per cent. of the wheat harvest will be of high-grade milling quality. The greater part of the crop is being stored for the present, not sold. Probably two-thirds of the inspected grain has not left the farmers' possession. Those realizing at present, instead of waiting on the chance of a clear dollar later on, are on the average getting about 85c for their wheat.

The G.T.P. has begun to do its share in crop-moving. Up to midweek over 800 cars had reached Winnipeg and been turned over to connections since September 1. Reports from all along the line show that threshing is general and proceeding at a record rate. The company now has four thousand cars ready to meet next month's rush.

Surveys are now being made for a Great Northern line to run directly westwards from Brandon to Regina, Sask., connecting the Great Northern line known as the Brandon, Saskatchewan and Hudson Bay, and the line chartered to run from Minot, N.D., to Regina.

Wants Reciprocity in Coal.

Mr. Elias Rogers, president of the Crow's Nest Pass Co., stated recently in an interview by the Vancouver Times, that the question of reciprocity in coal between the United States and Canada is not only still a live issue, but he believes it is almost within reach of accomplishment.

"In western Canada," said Mr. Rogers, "we have in abundance coal of the finest quality, and in western America there is a scarcity of it; in Central Canada there is a scarcity of coal, and in the Middle States there is an abundance of it; down in Nova Scotia we have lots of the finest coal, and in the New England states there is very little. So you see that the situation is unique in respect to conditions favorable to a mutual interchange of this prime product."

Mr. W. Molson McPherson, president of the Molsons Bank, and Mr. James Elliot, general manager, returned to Winnipeg this week after having visited Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, Nelson and many other points. Mr. Elliot, like all other Eastern visitors this year is enthusiastic as to crops throughout the West.

Asked about the prospects of opening branches of his bank, Mr. Elliot is reported as saying that he had received very many urgent requests to do so in some of the western towns, but so far there had been no arrangements made.

The American Financial Securities Company of New York has acquired for American capitalists 54,000 acres of timber land in the Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island. On the land are approximately two billion feet of the finest fir timber in British Columbia. The purchase was part the E. & N. Railway grant, and details of the transaction were