

Grain and Milling News.

The new roller flour and woolen mill at Rapid City cost about \$50,000. They were bonused to the amount of \$13,000.

Crops throughout the Prince Albert district are looking exceedingly well, and the indications are that this season's harvest will be the most bountiful the farmers have reaped for many years.

An effort is being made to induce the municipal councils of Deloraine and Riverside to submit a by-law, granting a bonus in aid of the establishment of a roller flour mill at Deloraine Station, Man.

Thos E. Wallace has been elected president and H. S. Paterson secretary of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Portage la Prairie. Tenders for the erection of the elevator will be called for at once.

There are nearly 3,000 flour mills in the Dominion of Canada, representing about \$10,000,000 of capital. Commercial union would practically wipe this industry out of existence. —*Mechanical and Milling News.*

The satisfactory outlook for crops this year has been confirmed by the week just closing. Everything is growing, and it is a matter for great thankfulness that this growth is exceedingly strong and healthy. So far as can be judging from appearances, there is now nothing to fear. Battleford Sask., *Herald.*

A by-law has been prepared by the council of Odanah, to be submitted to the popular vote of that municipality, providing for a bonus of \$5,000 in aid of the establishment of a roller mill at Minnedosa. It is understood that if the by law is endorsed by the people, the Jermyn grist mill at Minnedosa will be changed to the roller process.

The Manitoba road has issued a new tariff of switching charges in Minneapolis and St. Paul, the rate for moving cars between two points within yard limits of the road being \$1 for grain, flour or millstuffs, in both cities, and \$2 for other freights. The same charge is made for switching cars after being placed on delivery track.

The Minnedosa *Tribune* says: Farmers in this section of Manitoba are delighted. Better prospects for a good crop have not been known for many years. Numerous showers with a warmth in the atmosphere afterwards not always experienced in this Northwestern country, are advancing vegetation to such a stage that there is hardly a probability of a shortage, judging from the experience of past seasons.

In reference to the proposed C.P.R. mill at Keewatin, the *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: The announcement was made a few days since that the company had been formed, and that amongst the chief stock holders were Sir George Stephen, Messrs. Reed, the C.P.R. contractor, Allen Gilmour, of Ottawa, and Alexander Mitchell, of Montreal. The fact that stock holders whose associations with the C.P.R. Co. are so pronounced, should embark in a milling enterprise on their own road, has caused considerable comment in the trade. It certainly does not seem just to those men, who years ago at the urgent solicitation of the C.P.R. authorities, invested their capital in mills and elevators in Manitoba, to have the C.P.R. enter into competition with them,

General Notes.

At Regina, potatoes are worth \$1.40 per bus., including sacks. Butter and eggs retail at 18 and 15 cents respectively. Hay sells at \$10 per ton and bran at \$18 per ton, including sacks.

There are rumors afloat to the effect that the Dominion Government may veto the Act providing for the raising of funds to build the Provincial road to the boundary. Nothing definite, however, is known.

Customs collections at the port of Victoria during the month ending 31st of May, 1887:— Duties, \$78,355.72; miscellaneous, \$360.79; Chinese immigration act, \$1,073.50; total, \$79,790.01. Inland revenue receipts were: License fees, \$10.00; tobacco, \$64.40; cigars, \$1,051.20; spirits, \$4,214.85; malt, \$1,303.67; other receipts, \$81.00; total, \$6,575.12.

The customs receipts at the port of Montreal, for last month amounted to \$735,678.01, against \$542,944.98 for the same month of last year, showing an increase for this year of \$192,733.03. The inland revenue returns for the month just ended were \$163,174.62, as compared with \$68,870.46 for the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of \$94,304.16 for this year.

The Kingston & Pembroke Mining Company has been organized at Kingston, Ont., with a capital of \$5,000,000, to work the thirteen mines in that district which it has recently acquired. The company owns or has mining rights on 8,000 acres of mineral lands extending along the line of the K & P R.R., and claims that the ore taken from these mines is of the very highest grade.

Thomas Maclellan, the president of the wrecked Maritime Bank, has been released from jail in St. John, N.B., but is still under surveillance at his residence in that city. So far, the net assets do not show more than \$30,000, which will about pay the liquidators' salaries and other expenses. It is said that the double liability cannot realize anything like the amount of notes now out, and in consequence the bank's paper is falling in the market every day.

The bill lately enacted by the Dominion Parliament to amend the act respecting canned goods provides that, "Every package containing canned goods prepared from products which have been dried previously to being so prepared shall be labelled or stamped with the word 'soaked,' which word shall be plainly printed diagonally across the face of the label in large legible type." The amendment is to come into force on January 1st, 1888.

The *Montreal Journal of Commerce* says: Andrew Blackburn, who has always done the largest general store business in Kemptville, Ont., has assigned. He was connected with the Brandon firm of Bower, Blackburn, Mundle & Porter, the Manitoba branch of Bower, Porter & Bower, of Kemptville, who got into difficulties through speculation in Northwest lands. Blackburn obtained a settlement at 75c. in the dollar, but when they failed the connection was still supposed to continue and consequently it has hurt his credit considerably. The loss of \$5,000 through the absconding of Murdoch Gair, of Oxford Mills, put the capstone on his difficulties and has compelled him to assign.

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