

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

The oatmeal mill is running day and night, and even then can hardly fill orders as they come in.

Geo. Shade has sold his stock of dry goods and groceries to a man named Rodgers from Winnipeg.

Ruling prices for grain are: No. 1 hard wheat, 71c; No. 2 mixed, 60c; No. 1 frozen, 45c; No. 2 frozen, 30c to 40c.

The West End Brewery has been closed by the collector of Inland Revenue for not complying with the law in regard to the brewing of malt.

The Marquette mills are being fitted up by Mr. Pratt, with machinery for the roller process of milling, and expects to have it in operation this week.

During the past six weeks \$15,250 of taxes has been collected. This is almost double the amount collected during the corresponding period of last year.

Foreign Grain Reports.

The importer of wheat and the English grower are equally dissatisfied with the prices obtainable for their samples—value is low, lower than it was expected to be, and at such times any improvement is slow in coming in, says the London *Miller*:

Norwich, as a flour manufacturing centre, complains of wheat being often now out of condition, and as the crop of the country was commonly well saved, the falling-off in quality must be owing to recent weather. In other localities the complaints are louder, for the wheat samples out of condition are often also inferior from bad harvesting. The cargo trade at the close of the week was the reverse of buoyant as regards wheat.

In view of the harvest prospects in Australasia shippers continue to part with cargoes of the last crop at about 46s.; but the quantity of either Australian, Chilian, or New Zealand wheat on offer in Mark Lane is only small, and elsewhere is quite unimportant.

The latest telegrams from France report firmness in the Paris market for wheat and flour. For immediate delivery there has been a rise of 3d. to 6d. per qr. and sack respectively.

In Germany there is increasing dullness reported in the trade in wheat and rye. Berlin quotes 3d. per qr. advance on both these staples. Hamburg is 3d. cheaper for wheat and stationary for rye, and the majority of markets, including Stettin and Dantzie, agree with Hamburg.

From Russia we hear that the central provinces have continued forwarding to the northern ports so freely that despite the exceptionally liberal exportation, over 750,000 qrs. of wheat, oats, rye, and barley are now in granary. Winter is beginning to close the northern Russian ports, and now the Dwina being closed by ice, and Lulea also ice blocked, all Archangel shipments are over for the season.

Miscellaneous continental markets afford no certain index to trade currents. Telegrams from Amsterdam and Rotterdam record an upward tendency in wheat, but Antwerp and Brussels announce that breadstuffs are a quiet business,

and both Vienna and Pesth tend to favor the purchaser of wheat. In Portugal comparatively high prices prevail for wheat, so that it pays to make importations from the United States. The Spanish ports, on the other hand, are not now buying of America.

Lumber Prospects.

The season of lumber manufacturing is rapidly closing, and probably but few of the mills will be in operation after this week. There is nothing doing in the market, says Quiz of the *Saginaw Courier*, and there is considerable uncertainty as to the future of prices for the coarser grades, in view of the action that tariff agitators in Congress threaten. Fully one-half of the Michigan members manifest a disposition to crush the lumber industry of the state by unwise legislation. Coarse lumber at present prices, and a dull market, cannot be manufactured so as to leave a reasonable profit upon the capital invested, and if prices should be reduced a couple of dollars per M. feet, the coarse grades will be left to rot and burn up in the woods, hundreds of men will be forced to seek employment elsewhere, and the production will be confined to the best grades. Should there be no agitation tending to unsettle values, it is believed there will be a good winter trade, and manufacturers enabled to work off coarse stocks now piled upon the docks, inasmuch as the impression exists that that the winter will be open and mild, in which event building operations will be carried on upon a scale more extensive than usual. The stocks in the Chicago yards are estimated to be 100,000,000 feet less than at this date last season, and a comparatively small proportion of it is dry. Trade at the east is reported good for the season. There is nothing worth relating doing in shingles in the valley. In the woods the weather continues favorable for cutting and skidding, but reports indicate that operators are not crowding matters.—*Lumberman's Gazette*.

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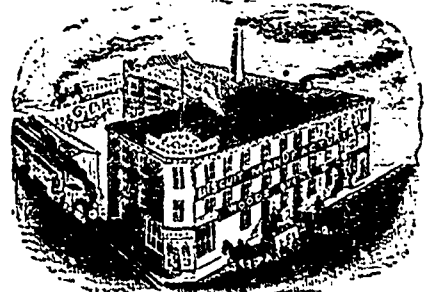
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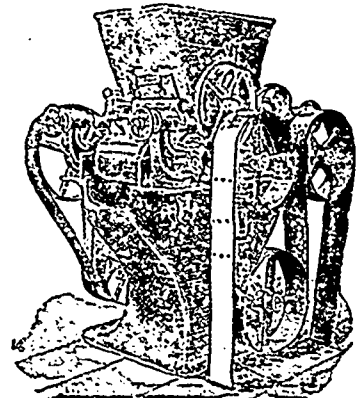
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