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Grain and Milling.

The new roller grist mill at Troherne, Man., has been completed and put in operation.

Geo. Goodfellow, of Fort a la Corne, Sask. Territory, is establishing a grist mill, to run by water power, in that northern settlement.

A movement is on foot to establish a small roller mill at Broadview, Assa. Inducements will be offered to any person who will undertake the enterprise.

The council of Elton municipality, Man., will be asked to submit a by-law offering a bonus of \$5,000 in aid of the erection of a 100 barrel flour mill at Douglas, in the municipality.

Grain freights from California are not quite as firm, but tonnage is still scarce. The rate on grain from San Francisco to the United Kingdom is from 40s. to 42s. 6d. From Portland, Oregon, to Great Britain the rate is 47s. 6d. to 50s. This is via Cape Horne.

The Willford & Northway Manufacturing Co., milling machinery, Minneapolis, held its annual meeting Tuesday, at which the old officers were re-elected, as follows : President, J. L. Willford; vice-president, J. Silas Leas; secretary and treasurer, W. P. Northway.

Notice is given that a by-law to raise the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars by debentures payable in twenty years, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a grist mill at Russell village, Man., will be voted on by the ratepayers of Silver Creek municipality on the 12th March.

Brandon Times: It has been noticed that some of the farmers have been trying to get ahead of the grain buyers by putting No. 1 hard wheat in the top of the bag and having the rest of the bag filled with inferior wheat. The grain buyers have agreed to make an example of the next caught at it.

The News, Vancouver, B. C., says : The members of an eastern firm owning the Montague & Silver Creek mills, at Whitehall, Michigan, are in the city. They propose to erect a roller mill of considerable capacity, and are desirons of ascertaining if the city will offer them any inducement to start their enterprise here.

A copy of the Millers' Review, published at Philadelphia, has reached this office. It contains a summary of the report of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on the crop of Manitoba for 1887; also a short article on the Manitoba wheat crop of 1888. Reference is also made to Hastings Bros. & Co.'s proposed mill at Port Arthur, the latter place being located in Manitoba.

The total yield of all field crops in the Province of Ontario last season was 143,876,580 bushels, obtained from an acreage of 5.023,626, while in 1887 the yield was 109,830,959 bushels from an acreage of 4,875,802, an increase in 1888 of 24,045,622 bushels over the harvest of the previous year. The only decrease in 1888 was in fall wheat, which was 609,824 bushels short of the yield in 1887, but the number of acres sown for this wheat in 1888 also decreased 71,206.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Fader Bros' new mill at Vancouver, B. C., has been completed and put in operation.

Machinery for the saw mill at Scandinavia, Man., north of Minnedosa, to replace the mill destroyed by fire recently, has arrived.

The House committee on ways and means at Washington, has directed a favorable report on the bill allowing within certain boundaries in Minnesota, the sending of logs cut within these houndaries to Canada, have it sawed and returned without payment of duty.

The Vancouver News says :- Angus Fraser has a raft of splendid spars in Howe Sound, which he is bringing into port with the intention of shipping them by rail to New York, where they will be used as ship masts. Each stick is 100 feet long and 24 inches in diameter at the

Ackerman Bros., contractors, Westminster, B. C., have decided to start a planing mill and cash and door factory, and have purchased property at the place named, for the purpose. A full plant of machinery, including engine and boiler, has been ordered from Cowan & Co., of Galt, Ont., and it is expected that the new mill



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will be completed and in active operation by the first of May. A small saw mill will also be built to run in connection with the factory.

Only one shipload of lumber was exported from British Columbia during January. This was 'from the Hastings saw mill, Vancouver, destined for Callao. Robt. Ward & Co., of Victoria, say in their last monthly circular :--"Freight rates are easier. The volume of business transacted has also been very small in lumber vessels. For lumber very few charters have been written, and shipments from both Puget Sound and Burrard Inlet have been smaller than for a long time past. This is partly on account of the scarcity of tonnage and partly because there is a reduced call for lumber from Australian markets. The freight rates on lumber are as follows :- Burrard Inlet to Hobson's Bay, 60s per 1,000 feet; Melbourne Wharf, 62s 6d. ; Burrard Inlet to Sydney, 50s; Burrard Inlet to Shanghae, 60s; Burrard Inlet to west coast South America, 50s to 55s per 1,000 feet.

Fur Trade Notes.

As an evidence that Nova Scotia has not ceased to be a fur breeding province, it is stated that one hunter sold in Truro recently 300 muskrat skins, 79 red foxes, 20 coons, 11 minks, 10 skunks, 4 bears, 3 loup cerrier, and 1 otter.

The Cauadian Gazette, of London, England, says: The Hudson's Bay Company's sale of beaver was held on the 28th inst., when 68,723 skins were sold, as compared with 101,097 in January, 1888. In consequence of the decreased quantity and keen foreign competition, prices advanced about 15 per cent. A smaller quantity of Musquash was also sold at much better prices than those of last year.

The number of animals killed in Siberia every year for their fur is enormous. At the last Summer fair of Irbit, which is a market for only part of the furs exported from Siberia, no less than 3,180,600 furs of squirrels were offered for sale. Of these, 1,018,000 were killed in the forests of Yeneseisk, 455,000 in the Altai Mountains, 200,000 in Yakutsk, and 300,000 in Transbaikalia. A considerablo num

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