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WINNIPEG, OCTOBER 3, 1895.

Manitoba.

The balif is in possession of the stock of Philip Brown, tailor, Winnipeg.

A party named Geo. Garrett is said to be negotiating to secure a bonus to start a glove factory at Brandon. He wants \$5,000 bonus.

On Friday night the safe of G. F. and J. Galt, Winnipeg, was robbed of the sum of \$90.

The new Hotel Manitoba, at Morden is about completed. This will give Morden one of the best hotels in Manitoba outside of Winnipeg.

There is considerable opposition to the proposal to appoint A. W. Ross collector of customs at Winnipeg. Mr. Ross is certainly an unpopular man in the city, even among the Conservatives.

THE Winnipeg Tribune has unearthed another huge swindle. Last Wednesday it published editorially another cock and bull story, purporting to show how the farmers are swindled by a manipulation of the inspection of wheat. It is hardly necessary to state that the story is utterly false and just about on a par with many other things the Tribune has said about the grain trade. We have not space to enter into details to refute the yarn. To those who understand anything about the grain trade, the story carries its own refutation with it. It is simply absurd.

Northwest Ontario.

Mr. Dickens manager of the Bank of Ottawa branch at Rat Portage, has been transferred to Portage la Prairie.

Mackay Bros. are closing out the balance of their stock at Rat Portage, preparatory to moving to Winnipeg, where they go into the dry goods trade. They were formerly in business at Port Arthur, so that it will be seen they are gradually working westward.

A very rich exposure of ore has been turned out at the Gold Hill mine, Rat Portage district, says a correspondent. It is said by those who have seen it that it surpasses anything heretofore seen in the district. The Dominion Gold Mining and Reduction company is the corporate name of the company working this mine. They have now a mill at this location in full working order.

The reduction works at Rat Portage which were also purchased by them, have been overhauled and new machinery added and is now ready to be operated.

Alberta.

Harold Gruner, Arthur Roirland and William Adams, of Okotoks and Henry Meyer and John D. O'Neill, of Calgary, are seeking incorporation by letters patent as the Okotoks Irrigation Company, with headquarters at Calgary. The proposed capital is \$10,000.

E. J. Cann, formerly with Parsons, Bell & Co., of Winnipeg, is opening a bookstore at Edmonton.

Assiniboia.

Another incendiary fire was started at Regina, on October 3, when the store owned by G. F. & J. Galt, of Winnipeg, adjoining the Donahue block, was burned down. The place was unoccupied.

In The Commercial market report last week the export shipment of a lot of sheep from Medicine Hat was noted. The lot was composed of 600 head from Mr. Johnston, of Strathmore; 370 head from the Little Plume Ranch Co., Medicine Hat, and 175 head from Rutherford & Son's ranch, Dunmore. W. Rutherford accompanies the shipment to Liverpool.

The old Queen's hotel at Regina, unoccupied, was destroyed by fire on October, 2. The fire was of incendiary origin.

Grain and Milling Notes.

A new process of cleaning smutted wheat has been introduced by a Mr. Sibley of Chicago. The Duluth market report says of this: "Samples of wheat before and after cleaning by a process perfected by Mr. Sibley, of Chicago, were shown this morning. Judging from the opinion expressed by experts, it is not believed that the process would be a success in restoring wheat to the grade it would be entitled to without smut."

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis for the week, ended Sept. 28, were 2,266,600 bushels and 2,025,804 bushels at Duluth, total 4,292,404 bushels, against 5,342,556 bushels the previous week, 4,809,131 bushels two weeks ago, 3,835,402 bushels corresponding week last year and 2,686,212 bushels two years ago and 3,508,038 bushels three years ago. Shipments were 274,190 bushels from Minneapolis and 1,086,183 bushels from Duluth against 171,660 bushels from Minneapolis and 1,072,000 from Duluth last year.

The exports of wheat from India during past week were 272,000 bushels of which 248,000 bushels went to the United Kingdom and 24,000 to continent. The total shipments since April 1 were 14,800,000 bushels of which 11,024,000 bushels went to the United Kingdom and 3,776,000 bushels to the continent. The total shipments for the corresponding time last year were 7,908,000 bushels of which 4,890,000 bushels were to the United Kingdom and 3,018,000 bushels to the continent.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, was held at Montreal on October, 2. The report was read of the operations of the company for the year ending August 31, and a dividend of 10 per cent on the capital stock of the company was declared, payable on October 15. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Robt. Meighen, W. A. Hastings, R. B. Angus, John Mather, and John Tarabull. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Robt. Meighen was elected president, and managing director,

W. A. Hastings, Vice-president and general manager; G. V. Hastings, general superintendent; S. A. McGaw, manager at Winnipeg; F. E. Bray, secretary; and B. S. Shar- ing, assistant secretary.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Sept. 23, 1895, shows an increase of 1,883,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,224,000 for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 1,835,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,581,000	80,223,000	81,233,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	89,376,000	79,863,000	81,392,000	43,101,000
Mar. 4...	78,785,000	75,669,000	79,088,000	41,558,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,453,000	77,054,000	41,038,000
" 8...	72,703,000	70,702,000	77,294,000	41,177,000
" 15...	70,487,000	69,217,000	76,090,000	42,055,000
" 22...	68,628,000	68,426,000	74,869,000	39,149,000
" 29...	65,776,000	68,683,000	75,027,000	37,336,000
May 6...	62,198,000	65,150,000	73,069,000	36,360,000
" 13...	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,682,000	35,180,000
" 20...	56,484,000	62,044,000	71,392,000	34,037,000
" 27...	54,244,000	61,339,000	70,159,000	32,523,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,089,000	27,010,000
" 10...	49,739,000	58,211,000	63,662,000	26,050,000
" 17...	47,717,000	57,005,000	66,376,000	24,006,000
" 24...	46,235,000	55,822,000	63,091,000	24,501,000
July 1...	44,701,000	54,057,000	62,316,000	24,283,000
" 8...	43,350,000	51,114,000	61,810,000	23,130,000
" 13...	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,838,000	22,439,000
" 20...	49,497,000	53,771,000	58,901,000	23,085,000
" 27...	39,233,000	57,144,000	59,319,000	23,992,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	60,001,000	59,424,000	20,079,000
" 10...	37,839,000	62,321,000	58,509,000	23,213,000
" 17...	36,929,000	63,000,000	57,812,000	31,776,000
" 24...	34,083,000	61,771,000	57,240,000	31,350,000
" 31...	35,423,000	66,049,000	56,851,000	35,360,000
Sept. 7...	36,754,000	66,168,000	56,140,000	33,700,000
Sept. 14...	38,001,000	68,214,000	57,331,000	44,411,000
" 21...	39,335,000	70,159,000	58,693,000	44,957,000
" 28...	40,763,000	71,413,000	60,523,000	49,901,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on Sept. 23 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	132,000
Toronto.....	9,000
Kingston.....	2,000
Winnipeg.....	175,000
Manitoba elevators.....	890,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	603,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on Sept 23, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	52,258,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,799,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	88,495,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,532,000

Burrows, Stewart & Milne have a new attachment for their furnaces this year, which was shown to a representative of The Commercial, in the warehouse of Merrick, Anderson & Co., who handle these goods in Winnipeg. This is known as the Watson patent ventilator for furnaces. Instead of the draft being drawn from the basement to feed the furnace, the air is drawn from the floor above. The effect of this is to give thorough ventilation to the house, drawing away all noxious gases or foul air to the furnace. There is not only circulation of air, but removal of foul air as well, is secured with this attachment. By a chain attachment the draft to the furnace can be cut off from the floor above, and the ventilator still continues in operation, the foul air passing away with the smoke.