

Manitoba Wheat in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 17.—Within a week the Washburn-Crosby company will start its Mill "E" grinding Canadian wheat in bond. The company has just concluded negotiations for a large consignment of Canadian grain and expects to buy more. Most of the wheat will be transported to Minneapolis over the Soo road and in all probability the flour will be carried east over the Soo and Canadian Pacific. It is proposed to market the entire product in the United Kingdom including the bran and shorts. After several weeks of investigation the Washburn-Crosby company has brought plans for grinding Canadian wheat to a basis where it can be regarded a good business proposition and at the same time be used as an entering wedge in bringing Canadian grain to Minneapolis. Instead of quitting the proposition several weeks ago when conditions surrounding the transportation of Canadian wheat here were so discouraging, the milling company has continued its efforts and finally overcame some of the most difficult obstacles. This will be the first large shipment of Canadian wheat that has been ground in Minneapolis since the milling industry here began to take on such magnificent proportions. John Washburn, of the Washburn-Crosby company and president of the Chamber of Commerce, says: "Canadian wheat is a problem which this grain market must face at once. Canadian exports of wheat are growing rapidly. Under normal crop conditions, they will greatly increase in the next few years. Anything which turns that grain in the direction of this market is a step in the solution of the problem. We need reciprocity with Canada. Grinding Canadian wheat in bond is progress in that direction."

Ocean Grain Freights.

Montreal Gazette: The demand for ocean grain room within the past week has been exceedingly brisk, which is probably owing to the fact that the advance in prices for grain in this market, which was not responded to in European markets, to the same extent has checked shippers from doing

business. The bulk, if not all, the May space has been engaged from both here and Quebec, and considerable June has also been let, but notwithstanding this the tone of the market is easier, and asking rates have been reduced pretty much all round, and these, it is stated, would no doubt be shaded further in order to do business. The best bids obtainable for London room to-day, is 1 1/2d. The asking rates are as follows: Liverpool, 1s 3d; May, London, 1 1/2d; Rotterdam, Glasgow, 1s 3/4d; June, Avonmouth, 2s; June, Manchester, 1s 6d; June, Hamburg, 1s 3d; June, Antwerp, 1s 1/2d; June, Belfast is 7/4d; June, Dublin, 1s 6d; June, Leith, 2s; June, Cardiff, 1s 7/4d; June, Rotterdam, 1s 6d; June, Aberdeen, 2s; June, and Havre, 1s 6d; June. According to advices from New York, the market is in much the same condition as here, but rates show little change from a week ago. Rates are quoted as follows: Liverpool, 1 1/2d; London, 1 1/2d; Glasgow, 1 1/2d; Newcastle, 2 1/2d; Antwerp, 1 1/2d; Rotterdam, 1 1/2d; Bristol, 2 1/2d; Leith, 2 1/2d; Hull, 2 1/2d; Bremen, 20 pfgs.; Hamburg, 20 pfgs.; picked ports to N. Y. Continent, 1s 7/4d to 1s 8d, and work for orders, 2s 1 1/2d to 2s 3d.

Chicago Twine Market.

Farm Implement News. A break in sisal twine on Monday last (from which the market had only partly recovered on Wednesday) effectively checked the inclination of twine manufacturers to advance prices this week as some of them had doubtless intended. The break was entirely unexpected by manufacturers, but was in line with the predictions of Yucatan hemp shippers, some of the hemp exporters were expecting a decline about July 1 or perhaps earlier. Probably none expected it would occur this month, however. At the reduced fiber price the present quotation on sisal twine is normal and embraces a fair margin. It is not believed that this flurry will effect the twine market, but it has created an atmosphere of uncertainty that was almost totally lacking in the situation prior to this week. Manufacturers believe that the hemp market will recover its former position in a short

time because they are assured that Progress stocks are low and that much twine must still be manufactured to insure an adequate supply. Prices remain unchanged and are as follows:

Sisal 11 1/2
Standard 11 1/2
Manilla (550-foot) 12 1/2
Manilla (600-foot) 13 1/2
Pure manilla 15 1/2
Five-ton lots, 1/2 cent less. Car lots, 1/2 cent less. Fall terms.

The Molasses Market.

There has not been much work in the market for molasses of late. Latest cables from Barbados state that the crop has been pretty well marketed, and for what is left planters' ideas are not first cost, but sales are reported to have been made within the week at 7 to 8 cent. Business in a jobbing way on spot is quiet, which is usually the case at this season, but sales have taken place at 22s to 22 1/2d for Barbados. Recent mail advices from the island say: "The weather continues dry and the season has been such a favorable one for grinding operations that already two-thirds of our crop has been reaped, but we regret to add that the yield in many districts has proved disappointing and it is very doubtful now if the output will reach 55,000 tons of sugar and 38,000 tons of pure molasses. Owing to the low prices prevailing planters have not marketed their sugars, but have kept them back in the hope of values improving; financial necessities and the lack of storage accommodation will, however, force holders to realize very shortly."—Montreal Gazette.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association held in Toronto on Thursday, the place left vacant by the resignation of F. W. Thompson, vice-president for Manitoba, was filled by Winnipeg. The executive decided to give a dinner in November in honor of Lord Brassey and other members of the London chamber of commerce, who will visit Canada during that month.

April Fire Loss.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of April is compiled from the daily record of the "N. Y. Commercial Bulletin," showing a total of \$13,824,000. The following table will give comparisons by months:

Month	1902	1901
January	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
February	2,000,000	13,000,000
March	12,000,000	13,000,000
April	13,824,000	11,500,000
Totals	\$39,824,000	\$56,500,000

During the month there were 21 fires of a greater destructiveness worth than \$10,000. They may be classified as follows:

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20,000 to 50,000	1
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