

town of the license system, in the modified form of granting the Lieutenant Governor's permits to responsible parties in Calgary, for the importation and sale of beers and other liquors. "Resolved that the issue of the Governor-General's permit to a responsible firm to manufacture beer in the district is greatly to be desired, both as leading to the establishment of a large industry and a consequent market for barley and other produce, and as also leading to the diminution of the huge proportions of the present illicit trade in liquor.

Montreal *Gazette*, Sept. 13:—The pioneer shipment of cattle from the Northwest this season has arrived here. They were bought by William Bell of Winnipeg, at points about one hundred miles west of that city. The animals were grass fed and showed first-class quality, which will stand comparison with any lot leaving this port, especially when the length of the journey is considered, the cattle having been six days on the road, of which four and a half days was the actual running. The lot was sold on this market to Jones & Restrick, exporters, who placed the cattle on board the SS. Ontario for Bristol, consigned to William Cruit, of Liverpool.

The proposed agriculture convention for the Territories will be held in Regina on Oct. 11th and 12th. "The committee invite papers on the following topics: 1, mixed farming; 2, plowing; 3, harrowing; 4, agricultural machinery; 5, progress of agricultural exhibitions in the Northwest; 6, dairy farming; 7, cheese making; 8, varieties of grain most suitable to soils and climates of the Northwest Territories; 9, cultivation of grasses; 10, stock raising; 11, best breeds of stock for the Northwest Territories; 12, how can poultry be made profitable in the Northwest Territories; 13, tree culture on the prairie; 14, prairie vs. timber lands, and any other appropriate subject which delegates select.

As a result of several meetings held at Winnipeg, the Manitoba Anti-Disallowance Association has been formed. The society will be non-political. The resolution forming the association declares it to be for the purpose of "opposing the impolitic, unjust and tyrannical action of the Dominion Government in disallowing the railway charters enacted by our Local Legislature and supporting the present monopoly of the Canadian Pacific railway within the old Province of Manitoba; and we hereby pledge ourselves to stand by our Local Government and Legislature in every effort of theirs to break through that monopoly; and we resolve to use all justifiable means to resist the present invasion of the rights intended to be secured to every province of the Dominion by the British North America Act; and we thereby affirm that the policy of disallowance of local charters for the construction of railways within the limits of the old Province of Manitoba retards the national progress not only of Manitoba and the Northwest but of the Dominion at large. It discourages immigration; it prevents the national development of trade between the Northwest and the other provinces of the Dominion and in the Northwest itself, to which national development of trade competition in railway carriage between all the provinces is

essentially necessary. It is therefore not a policy of progress but a policy of retardation injurious alike to Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the rest of the Dominion, and as such is inconsistent with the spirit of our constitution and being in no way required by the terms of the contract with the C.P.R. Co., we demand that this policy of disallowance be abandoned." The association is intended to be provincial in its nature, with branches throughout the province. All persons subscribing to the declaration may become members on payment of \$1.

Grain and Milling News.

A. W. Badger will buy grain for the Ogilvie company at Glenora, Man.

A grain special of 27 cars left Gretna on Tuesday, for Port Arthur.

Body & Noaks have completed a flax-seed warehouse at Gretna, Man.

M. Thompson shipped the first car of new wheat from Rapid City on Sept. 14th.

Thos. Greenway, M.P.P., is fitting up and improving his flour mill at Crystal City, Man.

The Rapid City mill will be run day and night and will grind from 500 to 600 bushels every 24 hours.

Chalmers Bros. & Bethune are putting up a grain warehouse at Pilot Mound, Man., and intend buying grain.

McBean Bros., of Winnipeg, have leased the joint stock grain warehouse at Crystal City, Man., and will place a grain buyer on that market.

Birtle *Observer*: A. Atkinson, of Roblin & Atkinson, grain dealers, Winnipeg, has completed arrangements for the purchase of grain at this place.

P Grbach has arrived in Manitoba, to buy flax-seed for the linsed mill at Baden, Ontario. He expects to get 100,000 bushels principally from the Mennonite settlements.

The voting on a by law in the municipality of Turtle Mountain, granting bonuses to aid in the construction of mills at Boissevain and Killarney, took place on Sept. 17th. The by-law is reported to have been carried.

Little's elevator at Cypress River, Man., was burned to the ground on Wednesday morning. Loss about \$4,000. The elevator was insured in the North American for \$1,000, and was empty at the time. Two empty box cars were also burned.

Brudstreet's: The Canadian Pacific has made a reduction of 5c, per 100 pounds in the rate on grain between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, which it is thought is with the object of allaying the popular complaint in Manitoba regarding the high rates it has charged.

When the C.P.R. first announced its reduction in the wheat rates from Manitoba points to Port Arthur, the city dailies reported that the reduction would amount to four to five cents per bushel. The mistake has been repeated by the country papers, the latter claiming that wheat should be advanced four to five cents per bushel to correspond with the reduced freights. Now railroads never quote rates by the bushel but by the hundredweight, and the reduction

is upon 100 pounds, which makes it only 2½ to 3 cents per bushel.

Through the stupidity of the Winnipeg dailies, in announcing that the C.P.R. Co. had made another reduction of 4 to 5 cents per 100 pounds in the wheat freight rates, the report has gone abroad that the company has reduced its rates to Lake Superior ports 10 cents per hundred weight United States and Eastern Canadian papers have extensively published that such a reduction has been made. The mistake arose from the fact that the company first reduced the rates from Manitoba points to Lake Superior only, but afterwards extended a similar reduction to shipments made direct by the all rail route to Montreal and Eastern Canadian points.

According to Department of Agriculture estimates the Dakota wheat crop of 1886 was 30,704,000 bushels on 2,675,000 acres. The territorial statistician computed the area as 3,249,490 acres, or 2½ per cent. greater than the department estimate. For 1887 the department makes an increase of 24 per cent. implying 3,317,000 acres, while the territorial office makes 20 per cent. increase, or 3,899,389 acres, or nearly 18 per cent. more than the department calculation. The 1st of August report of the territorial office stated that the "yield for the territory will be at least an average one and that the wheat crop of 1887 will run considerably over 40,000,000 bushels.

Personal.

W. F. Doll, wholesale jeweller, has returned from the Pacific coast.

Mr. A. G. McBean, of McBean Bros., grain dealers, has returned from an extended trip east.

Mr. T. H. Schneider, late of the firm of Schneider & Taylor, has moved to Montreal where he will act as agent of the Federal Life Insurance Company.

Mr. R. J. Whitla, of R. J. Whitla & Co. wholesale dry goods, will shortly leave for a trip across the Atlantic, and will be absent until about Christmas time.

Mr. J. W. Peddie has returned from a trip through Southern Manitoba, for the wholesale houses which he represents, and reports finding business generally improved.

Mr. Geo. Spence, of W. J. Gage & Co., wholesale booksellers and stationers, etc., Toronto, returned home last week, after making a successful trip in the interests of his house. Mr. Spence went as far west as Victoria, B.C.,

Mr. A. Weir, representing Christie, Brown & Co., wholesale biscuits, etc., Toronto, arrived in the city on Friday, on his second trip for this season. He will go through to the Pacific coast.

Owing to the partial failure of the potato crop in Ontario, especially in the western district, buyers are looking to Manitoba for their supply. Already the Canadian Pacific railway authorities have received applications asking for the prices of potatoes in Manitoba and the cost of shipping them to points in Ontario. This is an entirely new trade, as never before have Manitoba potatoes been shipped to Ontario for home consumption.