

Manitoba Wheat.

Under the above heading the *Free Press* telegraphic news of last Saturday includes the following article:

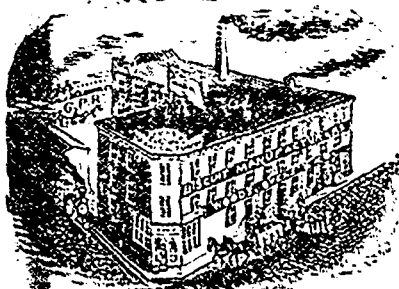
"St. Paul, Nov. 14.—An Ottawa special to the *Pioneer Press* says: The Canadian millers are daily petitioning the government to have the duties on American wheat and flour imported into Canada assimilated. There are now duties of 50 cents on a barrel of flour and 15 cents on a barrel of wheat. The duty on wheat is too large for that on flour, so that it pays to import flour rather than wheat for milling. Milling throughout the country is therefore in a bad condition, and many firms have gone to the wall. The sole reason given by the government to the numerous delegations for not reducing the duty on wheat is that such action would be detrimental to the wheat trade of the Northwest, which is supposed to find a market in eastern Canada. Your correspondent waited on M. Kay & Co., of this city, one of the largest millers in Canada, to learn some facts concerning Manitoba wheat. It was learned that the firm got three quarters of all their wheat from Duluth. This year they got thirty thousand bushels from Manitoba marked number one special hard. The first shipment arrived two days ago. On examination it turned out that it not only suffered from smut and growth, but was too soft to make bakers' flour, for which it was intended. The firm assured your correspondent that it was not nearly equal to Minnesota No. 2. They will have to use the entire shipment for family use. Thus it will be seen that Manitoba wheat will not do for mixing with Canadian soft. Therefore the 1,000,000 bushels spoken of for the Northwest will not in any way interfere with the amount annually imported for Canada from the Western States. McKay & Co. are thoroughly disappointed."

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