

THE INDUSTRIES OF EDMONTON

The Alberta Milling Co., Limited.

There are doubtless many people in Edmonton and the surrounding country who are unaware that in this city a flour mill larger than any on the C. & N. R. railway line on the C. N. R. between here and Winnipeg. Such, however, is the fact and the shareholders of the Alberta Milling Co., Ltd., have the pleasure of knowing that their plant, which was built less than three years ago, is monthly growing in the amount of its production and the extent of the markets for its manufacture.

Situated north of the Canadian Northern right of way and almost on the scale line of Third street, it is in close proximity to the railway line, from which a spur is run right to the mill doors, and in a central and easily available locality for the farmers of the Edmonton district.

It was about June, 1905, that a number of local capitalists realized that there was an excellent opening in Edmonton for another flour mill and a company was formed forthwith. Its shareholders include D. R. Fraser, who is the president, Alf. Brown, R. P. Ottewill, Dr. H. L. McInnis, C. Naim, Wm. Humberstone, John Kennedy, E. Metz, F. B. Lubbock, I. H. Pickard, A. Driscoll, A. G. Harrison, James Ross, S. H. Smith, John A. Robertson and John R. Hamilton. The first manager was Cuthbert Naim. A few months ago he was succeeded by G. H. Soddian, who came to Edmonton recently from Forest, Ont., and who is the present manager.

chopped for feed. The greater part of the market for this product is the local dairymen.

In Middle Busy Season. The busiest season of the year is from September until May. In mid-summer the mill is usually closed down for cleaning and repairs. At times the rush is so great that the plant is taxed to its utmost capacity, and is compelled to run for the entire twenty-four hours.

The Alberta Milling Co., Ltd., put five grades of flour on the market. They are as follows in a descending scale of excellence:—

Capital No. 1 Patent Superior Strong Bakers Straight Grade.

The flour is put up in bags of 24, 49 and 98 pounds; no barrels are used. The market for the flour is found in the local trade, along the C. N. R., as far as Battleford, and in British Columbia.

Last year an experiment was made in shipments to Asia and a number of car loads were placed in China and Japan. In years to come, as better communication with the coast is opened up, the Asian market it is expected, will prove an attractive one and furnish a new field for exportation from this province.

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COLEMAN WAS KILLED IN B.C.

Tragedy of the North Occurred Two Miles Over Border. Sergeant Anderson Reports.

There is every probability that Edmonton will in the next few months witness a big murder trial, in the charge against Fred W. Trumper, similar to that of Charles King some years ago, in which the witnesses will have to be brought from the far north to give evidence at great expense to the provision. No decision as to what action will be taken has yet been arrived at by the Attorney-General's Department, which will likely consult with British Columbia government before a decision is reached.

Sergeant Anderson, of Peace River Crossing, arrived at the R.N.W.M.P. barracks yesterday afternoon with the prisoner accused of the murder of George W. Coleman up north near Fort St. John, and close to the boundary between Alberta and British Columbia. The location where Coleman was killed by Trumper, the latter claims in self defence, is situated about 175 miles in a direct line from Edmonton, but a much greater distance by the trail. Trumper was taken down to Fort Saskatchewan last night.

Last night Sergeant Anderson reported the facts to Major Constantine, who has command of the northern district. He is in the city to-day. He is going over the facts as embodied in the reports to the Deputy Attorney-General, and they will come to a decision as to what steps will be taken for trial.

It appears that the deceased man was killed a mile or two west of the Alberta boundary in British Columbia territory. There is, however, a five mile limit law which was reorganized May 31 last, at the request of the foreign stockholders, who had become alarmed at the policy of the government.

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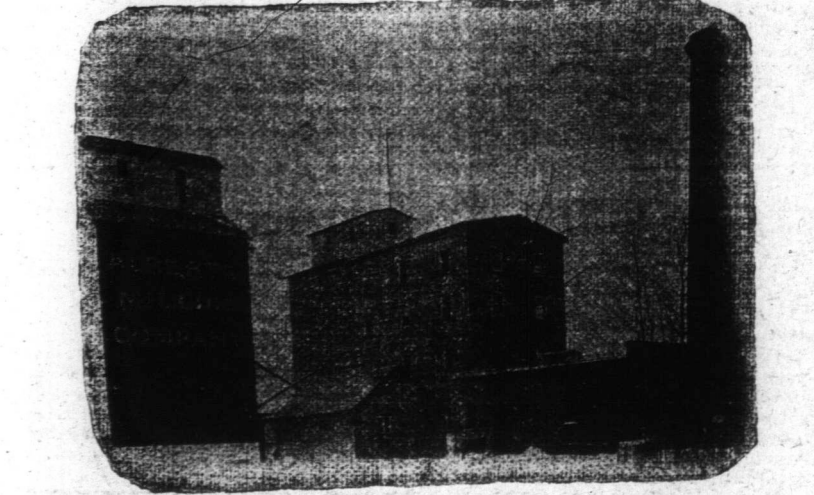
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300 Barrel Mill and Elevators With Co. of the Alberta Milling Co., Ltd., Edmonton.

The new mill was completed and started operation in February, 1906. Its present capacity is 300 barrels a day. The main mill building is 54x34 feet, four stories high, with a brick annex for an engine house on the southern side. On the northern side is an elevator with a capacity of 40,000 bushels and a little distance removed is another with a capacity of 80,000 bushels. Power for operation of the machinery which is the most up-to-date procurable, is furnished by a 200 h. p. wheelock engine.

Last year there were used in the mill about 150,000 bushels of wheat. This was procured in part from local farmers, while the larger quantity to fulfill the demand, which the district cannot yet supply, was imported from southern Alberta, East Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In addition, about 20,000 bushels of oats were purchased. This is not manufactured into oatmeal, but is

Prices this year are much higher than last. The increase being from thirty to thirty-five per cent.

Ungrounded Prejudice.

There has been for a long time an ungrounded prejudice by local dealers to the products of local mills. As a result the sales in Edmonton and vicinity are smaller than to outside points. Some time ago this question was taken up by the Edmonton board of trade and while the fact was abundantly testified to no remedy could be suggested. As the local product is taking hold, however, the boycott that has been in progress is gradually being dispelled and now one of the largest bakers in Edmonton is using the product of this mill with general satisfaction to his patrons.

With the opening up of the country to the west and north the market will increase very rapidly and the members of the company look forward to a bright future within the next few years.

ASIATIC QUESTION AN IMPERIAL ONE

Lord Elgin Forced To Approve Transvaal Registration Law—A Rebellion, Threatened—Application of Act Creates Danger in India.

New York, Jan. 17.—The Sun has received the following cable despatch from London: The great problem of the mixing of the Asiatic and white races is coming to a speedier and graver issue elsewhere than in the dispute between the United States and Japan. A crisis in South Africa has already developed so rapidly that the Home government finds itself confronted by the most serious Imperial question it has yet encountered.

The courts of Pretoria and Johannesburg imposed sentences of two and three months' imprisonment on Friday upon several prominent natives of India who had refused to furnish finger prints and other means of identification as a condition of remaining in the colony. Thousands of Indians in both cities have held mass meetings and processions in protest against laws applicable only to criminals or slaves. Resolutions were adopted setting forth:—

"We welcome the humane sentences as a test of Indian suffering; but for the sake of humanity and the Empire we deplore them. The sentences notwithstanding, we are resolved to continue the struggle which we have undertaken in the name of God."

Threatened With Rebellion. The Indian portion of the community recently asked General Smuts, Colonial Secretary of the Transvaal, to receive a deputation, but he refused. There the matter rests for the any British Government to defend or moment, but it will not rest for long. The situation is an impossible one for

CHEAP RATES TO WESTERN CANADA

Burlington Route Announces Reduced Rates to Canadian Northwest.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Something of a bomb has been thrown into the ranks of the Western Passenger association officials in the form of an announcement by the road of its intention to run homeseekers' excursions in connection with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, and W. R. Hayes, first in Northwest Canada on the points in north Tuesday of each month throughout the current year. Rates for these excursions will be a fare and a half, plus \$2 for the round trip.

The chairman of the Western Passenger association has declined to accept notice of the Burlington road, but he has not stated his reasons for doing so. It is possible that a meeting of the interested roads will be held shortly to discuss the matter, and if possible induce the Burlington to cancel its notice though it is not apparent on the face of it why homeseekers' excursions should not be run to territory outlined by the Burlington as well as to territory already included in the excursion rates.

The action of the Burlington probably will have the result of giving to the Hill roads a large volume of business, which otherwise would have gone to Canada by the Soo and C. P. routes. The standing quarrel between the Hill interests and C. P. R. doubtless has a good deal to do with the Burlington's action.

As You Were in Sweden. Stockholm, Jan. 16.—On the resumption of the Rigging it was announced that King Gustave had appointed to their positions the former office bearers of each house.

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