

# CAMPBELL & OTTEWELL

Flour Mill Operators who have Oldest  
Established and Best Known  
Plant in the City

**W**HILE the City of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta welcome within their precincts at any time business houses of the sort that are fitted for this section, and desires to see an ever-increasing population, including mercantile, industrial and agricultural men, neither the province nor our city can have quite that sense of gratitude that they had when the field here was more doubtful and conditions much more restricted. Then a man establishing a new business was disclosing the resources of this country and as a pioneer was blazing a path which now gives proof of its value and importance.

Thus, in giving credit to the City Flour Mills, Curry Street, Campbell & Ottewell, proprietors, it must not be forgotten that this mill presented the first market for the grain and wheat growers of this section and was the first to put upon the market a finished product that gave our city a reputation as a flour manufacturing location.

The public spirit as well as the progressiveness of a number of citizens was responsible for this movement, as in 1899 the plant was erected and the Dowling Milling Co. founded. It was a business that merited and received the consideration of the agriculturists about here, and today, it is an important factor among them, the preference always being given to home growers, so that at the present time seventy-five per cent. of its wheat is brought to its doors and the market price is paid to the farmers of Alberta who have long had confidence in the square dealings of this Company.

Two years after the business had been established, A. B. Campbell was secured as manager, and October 1st, 1906, Mr. Campbell and R. P. Ottewell purchased the industry, and through increased transactions and experienced application to the output and the raw material needed for it, strengthened the importance of the operations, enhanced the reputation of the firm and influenced the growers about here.

This concern was the first in Alberta to see the wisdom of raising winter wheat and to this

end secured the co-operation of the Canadian Pacific Railroad by which a carload of wheat was brought here and distributed through Campbell & Ottewell at cost. Demonstrations since have not only proved the wisdom of raising winter wheat but some of the farmers who experimented with it have found it a particularly excellent and profitable crop. This movement of Campbell & Ottewell was consequently the means of further developing this section of the country, and also of proving the fertile character of the soil and the geniality of the climate.

Under Mr. Campbell's management and partnership, the capacity of the mill has been increased from one hundred and fifty barrels to two hundred barrels a day and as the concern has kept pace with modern conditions and requirements, it has constantly added to its equipment and improved processes and has put upon the market a high grade flour that will compare favorably with any similar product manufactured in this part of the country.

This fact may be particularly understood when it is known that the Company has made shipments to the Orient but on account of home demands has never felt able to encourage this traffic but has given strict attention to local demands, which takes practically its entire output.

The Company has recently registered a new trade mark, "The Crusader," and with a special and appropriate design that will call attention to this brand, will cover its old field effectually and take on such new territory as its facilities will warrant. The selected wheat used and expert milling operations that are applied, is resulting in high grade flour that is meeting all expectations.

Elevators with a capacity of one hundred and ten thousand bushels are utilized and the mill is kept in operation day and night through some seasons of the year.

R. P. Ottewell, though a resident of Clover Bar, is well known in the Twin Cities and is one of the most extensive farmers in this section and is the owner and promoter of coal mines in the Clover Bar district. Mr. Campbell, who formerly lived in the east, is one of the men who have absorbed the western atmosphere and is identified with its hopes and achievements. He has been a most astute and judicious manager of this mill, though our city has not been deprived of his services when they were needed. He is one of the most active workers in the Edmonton Exhibition Association, and has been its president for three years. He was also president of the Board of Trade in 1905. Every effort that would give creditable and desirable publicity to our city has had the encouragement and support of Mr. Campbell, and his reputation as a public spirited citizen is on a par with the standing of the firm of Campbell & Ottewell regarded as one of our soundest and foremost industrial concerns.



CITY FLOUR MILLS, CURRY STREET