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The Wheat Question.

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Editor Standard:

In reference to the question as to why Manitoba wheat is better than Ontario, Mr. Ford makes two statements that I think are entirely wrong out by fact. He says the difference is due to the drier climate and that flour from Manitoba wheat is not now as good as it was six years ago, which was proven by the crops of 1898 and 1899. I am not by any means an expert but I was raised on Ford's Flour and "knocked" on the Manitoba product, and they say the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Western wheats that will grade No. 1 hard or No. 1 or No. 2 Northern are [illegible] that it was years ago when judged either from the milling or bread making standpoint. I am sending you two samples. [illegible] an impressive sample I was going to say [illegible] a large percentage of white kernels. Yet they are the same breed of wheat, got the same feed, produced under the same conditions of soil, climate and moisture. Why the difference? I don't know and I have yet heard a satisfactory reason given. The two samples considered the best wheat produced in the western [illegible]. The white is very large, plump. Why the difference produced [illegible] is a guess in the dark but [illegible] the same may a few more [illegible] would be different [illegible] a season or [illegible] appearance the difference [illegible] a clay [illegible] soil. Now how [illegible] the grain [illegible] the one and how [illegible] the other.

[illegible] years ago [illegible] of [illegible] wheat and [illegible] the grade. This has not been [illegible] possible [illegible] to [illegible] years ago. [illegible] is good in [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] wheat [illegible] not [illegible] the [illegible] wheat [illegible] the [illegible] wheat [illegible] the [illegible] wheat