

Gaylord A Great Potato Market – Buck & Bolton the Leading Buyers

As a potato market Gaylord is one of the most important in Michigan. Three firms do the buying, affording every facility for handling the crop. Buck & Bolton, the leading buyers, began business 15 years ago and from time to time have increased their ware house room until they now have three large warehouses with a storage capacity of 50,000 bushels. The buildings are constructed frost proof and lighted by electricity, so that in the busy season the work of shipping can be carried on day and night. All shipments in cold weather are made in refrigerator cars, and lined to protect the potatoes from frost in transit. They are billed as perishable goods, thus insuring prompt delivery to destination. This firm pays out each year from October to June \$50,000 to \$100,000 to farmers for potatoes; employs from 10 to 15 men in the busy season, and uses 100,000 feet of lumber for lining cars. All the potatoes are graded and hand sorted, giving them an evenness in size which the buyer considers an important feature. Large shipments are made to Baltimore, New Orleans, Memphis and numerous other points east and south. This firm has a branch ware house at Vanderbilt, and also buys in car lots at any point between Wolverine and Grayling and on the Bagley branch. An illustration of how of their ware houses is shown herewith.