

Manitoba.

Alexander, Kelly & Co.'s elevator at Brandon, was slightly damaged by fire a few days ago.

J. E. Hensley, gent's furnishings merchant, Winnipeg, died on Saturday morning last, as a result of a general decline.

Murphy, Brown & Co., of Carberry, intend putting a stock of groceries, boots and shoes in their Wellwood branch store.

The Cypress Agricultural Society held its 15th annual exhibition at Glenboro on Wednesday. The weather was fine and the attendance good.

Premier Roblin stated in a speech on Monday evening that on and after October 1 the rate of freight on wheat on the Canadian Northern Railway will be reduced 2c per bushel.

It is estimated that in the neighborhood of \$100,000 worth of property and goods were destroyed by the wind storm in the district south of Carberry, on Saturday night last.

On Saturday night last a heavy wind and electrical storm passed over Manitoba doing damage to property in some places, mostly in the western sections of the province.

Work on the Beaver extension of the Canadian Northern Railway commenced last week. The distance to be graded is about 15 miles. This link will connect the road at Gladstone with the Dauphin section, and give the C. N. R. a continuous line over their own track from Erwood to Winnipeg.

W. T. Crispin, lately with Kelly Bros., Winnipeg, has resigned his position and has now taken over the management of the Winnipeg branch of the Lac du Bonnet Mining, Developing and Manufacturing company. This company have made arrangements for the installation next year of a large amount of additional machinery.

Resident Engineer McLeod, of the Canadian Northern Railway, states that the steel superstructure for the bridge over the Red river would be started in the course of ten days. "The steel is now on the way here, and the bridge will be completed in time to run trains over by the time the crop is ready for shipment. The work on the Itany river branch is going ahead rapidly and from all reports will be in good running shape through Fort William by the fall."

Mackay Bros., dry goods merchants, Winnipeg, advertise a clearing out sale and announce it as their intention to go out of business. It will be remembered that this firm moved to Portage avenue after their premises in the McIntyre block were destroyed by fire some three and a half years ago. It has been found that a satisfactory dry goods business cannot be built up away from Main street, hence this clearing sale. Their future movements remain to be decided.

At a meeting of the Brandon board of trade held this week the proposed blinder twine factory of that place was up for consideration. It was explained that the establishment of a factory at Brandon should pay for the reasons that raw material can be obtained direct from the Philippine Islands, via Vancouver, at comparatively low rates of freight, the factory would have a ready market for all it could produce at its very doors, and the promoters not being dependent upon the factory profits for their living could sell twine at low prices without pecuniary loss to themselves. Most of the promoters are farmers. A free site and exemption from taxation for the factory will likely be provided by the city if arrangements for its establishment are successfully carried through.

Assiniboia.

F. C. Whitecock has severed his connection with The Medicine Hat Trading Co., of Medicine Hat, and D. Milne, who has been closely connected with the company since it was organized several years ago, assumes the general management of the company. With Mr. Argue in charge of the dry goods, and Mr. Gibson in charge of the rockery and grocery departments.

Alberta.

Lauder & Whiteley, bakers and confectioners, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. F. C. Whiteley continues the bakery business and N. M. Lauder the fruit and confectionery store.

Never in the history of the district have the prospects appeared brighter

than they do this season, says the Gazette of Macleod, Alberta. While the spring was somewhat backward, there has been ample rain, and the present warm weather is causing a very rapid growth of all kinds of grain and roots. The grass on the ranges is better than it has been for ten years past, and the prospects for a big calf crop, and plenty of good, fat beef were never better. Settlers are crowding into the district immediately surrounding Macleod, and already Macleod is beginning to feel the benefit of the rapidly increasing population. Business in town in all lines is good, and altogether the indications for a particularly prosperous season for ranchmen and business men are very bright.

Northwestern Ontario.

A. G. Verdin has disposed of his butchering business at Rat Portage to W. Lavole.

Scott & Smith, butchers, Fort William, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Scott and Kenny.

McQuarrie & Grimshaw have succeeded Rogers & Barnes in the dry goods business carried on by them at Beaver Mills.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	105,000
Toronto	45,000
Coleau, Que.	41,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	22,000
Kingston	60,000
Quebec	60,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,200,000
Winnipeg	25,000
Manitoba elevators	610,000

Total July 4 2,758,000
Total previous week 2,917,000
Total a year ago 4,815,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's July 4, were 37,819,000 bushels, as against 39,317,000 bushels for the previous week. Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 32,061,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on July 1 were 3,220,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ending July 13 was 27,379,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,700,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 46,081,000 bushels, two years ago 31,322,000 bushels, three years ago 10,461,000 bushels, four years ago 16,090,000 bushels, five years ago 47,220,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 8,021,000 bushels, compared with 7,125,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 14,067,000 bushels, compared with 13,008,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and about for Europe July 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1901	116,000,000
1900	125,000,000
1899	119,000,000
1898	80,000,000
1897	78,000,000
1896	121,000,000
1895	149,000,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

Minneapolis	77,222,225	52,022,822
Millwaukee	2,995,721	11,688,092
Duluth	18,001,222	22,542,088
Chicago	43,020,021	24,977,580
Total	141,240,269	112,230,582

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop.	Last Crop.
Toledo	137,817	100,721
St. Louis	2,178,000	1,161,210
Detroit	22,250	80,270
Kansas City	1,779,000	1,043,350
Total	4,126,867	2,485,550

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,211,083 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on July 8. Receipts for the week were 37,936 bushels, and shipments were 118,775 bushels. A year ago stocks in store in Fort William were 1,581,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and Interior points are estimated approximately at 2,785,000 bushels, compared with 3,407,000 bushels a year ago, 5,000,000 bushels two years ago, 1,140,000 three years ago.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Dry weather in Kansas has enabled farmers to harvest their wheat crop in splendid shape. The yield is turning out better than expected and the quality is reported to be fine.

Premier Roblin is reported to have said at a Wawanesa gathering on Tuesday that he looked for 60,000,000 bushels of wheat for export from this country this year. It is unfortunate that such erroneous estimates of the wheat crop should be given publicly, as they are circulated to do a great deal more harm than good. Eastern business people are already beginning to send travellers west in search of business on the strength of these big crop estimates and the result can only be disappointment to all concerned.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 82c in store Fort William.

Flour—Jobbing price per sack: Patent, \$2.40; best bakers, \$2.25.

Milkstuffs—Ran, \$13.50 per ton; shorts, \$15.50 per ton delivered.

Oats—Carlots on track, 40¢/12c, according to quality.

Barley—45¢ per bushel for cars on track.

Market nominal.

Corn—In carlots, 52¢ per bushels of 50lb. Flax—Nominal.

Butter—Dairy, 12¢/14¢ per pound; creamery, 17¢ per pound at the factories.

Cheese—New cheese, 26¢/28¢, laid down here.

Eggs—13¢ for Manitoba fresh, less expressage.

Potatoes—75¢ per bushel for old stock.

Beef—60¢ per lb.

Hides—No. 1 hides, 6¢.

Wool—50¢ for unwashed fleece.

Baled Hay—\$7.50 per ton on cars.

Live Stock—Choice beef cattle, 24¢/26¢ per lb.; sheep, 45¢; hogs, 4¢/4.50.

A wire from Toronto lately, said: J. I. Tarte was in this city to-day, having returned from a canoe trip on the French river. He says there will be little difficulty in getting a twenty-foot channel from Georgian Bay to Lake Nipissing, and only two or three dams will be needed.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending July 18, 1901	\$2,025,426
Corresponding week, 1900	2,338,221
Corresponding week, 1899	1,768,929

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1901.	1900.	1899.
Jan.	\$9,023,405	\$9,000,007	\$7,683,052
Feb.	7,158,276	6,702,640	6,209,471
Mar.	7,339,622	7,320,062	6,750,121
Apr.	7,674,294	7,091,519	6,916,431
May	8,681,037	8,702,579	7,472,825
June	9,612,084	9,211,716	8,169,595
July	9,395,425	8,178,080	7,995,221
Aug.	8,178,080	8,230,129	8,230,129
Sep.	7,320,129	8,178,080	12,689,000
Oct.	11,618,983	14,453,219	
Nov.	10,862,323	12,068,903	
Dec.			
Totals	\$106,880,792	\$107,788,514	

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Merchants Bank branch at Souris, Man., has moved into new premises, erected specially for its use. During the past year 561 new national banks have been organized in the United States.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Merchants Bank, held on Wednesday morning, H. Montague Allan was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Andrew Allan, his uncle.

The city of Winnipeg's bank account for the two weeks ending July 15 showed a debit balance of \$680,685.05. Against this is placed credits by receipts from taxes, etc., amounting to \$11,106.56, leaving a debit balance of \$669,578.07.

The Dominion government bank statement for May was published a few days ago. It shows the amount of chartered bank notes in circulation to be \$46,148,231, as compared with \$47,006,701 at the end of April and \$42,856,762 at the end of May, 1900. Public deposits are given at \$93,500,000, as compared with \$92,907,168 at the end of April and \$93,520,264 a year ago. Deposits payable after notice are given at \$22,175,817, as compared with 215,352,273 at the end of April and 176,503,391 a year ago. The other features of the report are call loans amounting to \$22,061,442 in Canada, and \$39,166,397 out of Canada, current loans amounting to \$287,205,997 in Canada and \$22,773,453 out of Canada. Outside debts amount to the comparatively insignificant sum of \$1,480,225.

A Sudden Death.

One of the leading live stock dealers of the west, B. J. Bond, died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon from heart trouble. He had been attending to his business as usual up to the time of his death, but had been warned to take a rest. Mr. Bond gave his attention exclusively to the sheep and mutton trade and contracted a large percentage of the business in this line here.



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