

STATEMENT OF GRAIN SHIPMENTS

Which have passed the inspection point at Winnipeg during the month ending March 31st, 1909, as supplied by the Chief Inspector of Grain, Manitoba Grain Inspection Division.

SPRING WHEAT.

	Cars.
1 Hard White Fife...	1
1 Northern	818
1 Northern	1344
1 Northern	1656
No. 4	732
Feed	68
Rejected 1	258
Rejected 2	260
No Grade	
Rejected	74
Condemned	4
No. 5	337
No. 6	111
No Established Grade.	4
Total	5700

WHITE WINTER.

	Cars.
No. 1 Alberta Red ...	13
No. 2 Alberta Red ...	45
No. 3 Alberta Red ...	45
No. 1 White Winter ...	2
No. 2 White Winter ...	
No. 3 White Winter ...	
No. 1 Mixed Winter...	1
No. 2 Mixed Winter ...	7
No. 3 Mixed Winter...	
Rejected 1	6
Rejected 2	18
No Grade	3
Rejected	
No. 4	21
No. Five	25
Total	186

TOTALS.	CARS
Wheat	5946
Oats	1408
Barley	162
Flax Seed	149
Rye	3
Total	7668

OATS.

	Cars.
Extra No. 1 Can. West'n	
No. 1 Can. Western...	91
No. 2 Can. Western...	701
No. 3 Can. Western...	113
No. 2 Mixed	10
Rejected	37
No Grade	9
Extra No. 1 Feed ...	267
No. 1 Feed	130
No. 2 Feed	43
Condemned	7
Total	1408

BARLEY.

	Cars.
No. 1	
No. 2	
No. 3 Extra	
No. 3	78
No. 4	57
Rejected	18
No Grade	1
Feed	8
Total	162

RYE.

	Cars.
No. 2	2
Condemned	1
Total	3

FLAX SEED.

	Cars.
No. 1 N. W. Man. ...	118
No. 1 Manitoba ...	18
Rejected	5
No Grade	7
Condemned	1
Total	149

LAST YEAR	CARS
3564	C.P.R. 4606
1197	C.N.R. 1900
130	G.T.P. 206
81	Calgary 609
	Duluth 107
Total	4972

A WORD OF CAUTION

To the Editor of the Grain Growers' Guide:

Judging from 20 years' experience in growing wheat and watching results from big crops and small crops, I am of the opinion that the tendency this year will be to grow wheat at any cost and under any conditions on account of the high prices received the last two years.

Now it must not be forgotten that for the last two years only about one-third of the wheat districts have produced good and abundant yields. Had all the land sown in wheat given a good yield and good grades we would have about 150 million bushels instead of about 100 million bushels.

If we had sold the former amount instead of the latter we would have received about 25c. per bushel for the crop. Now it must be apparent to all that if the acreage of wheat is largely increased this year, which is almost sure to be the case, and if all the lands give good returns both in quantity and quality, it will be no exaggeration to say that we may have from 150 to 175 million bushels in place of 100 million bushels to place on the market.

Should we have a good crop with that quantity to sell, it would just mean so much less per bushel.

The high prices paid at the beginning of the seeding season will set many men on their ear as to sowing more wheat, and in many cases sowing wheat where something else might have been better—all in hope of getting big prices. Do not forget that high prices may or may not be warranted by supply and demand.

It is just possible, and very probable, indeed that the high prices may be the result of high handed manipulation, for you know as well as I do that wheat is all, or nearly all out of the farmers' hands and that the combined strength of all the combinations is able after they have the bulk of the wheat controlled, to make the consumer pay more than the supply and demand would warrant, and that by the time that the new crop would come to the market this all powerful combination will be just as able to put the prices down as they were to put them up.

No doubt you are all aware of and have not forgotten their action during last August and September, so ably exposed by "The Grain Growers' Guide." Thank fortune that we have a journal that is letting daylight into all this important matter. It is now reported that Mr. Patten, the Chicago gambler in wheat, is largely backed up by some of our largest Canadian milling institutions, but of course so cleverly manipulated that we will never be able to get sufficient facts to substantiate the reports.

What would be more natural to suppose than that the large millers, the dominant factor in the grain trade of the West, would help to bring about such a condition of affairs that would enhance the value of their manufactur-



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