

Cost of Poor Roads.

"If ever there were two classes of people that had a good cause in common they are the bicyclists and the farmers. The question on which their interests agree is that of the need for good roads; for while a hard, smooth surface is an absolute necessity to the wheelman, it is of even more vital importance to the farmer, seeing that the condition of the road makes a serious difference one way or the other in his yearly profits. As the result of an inquiry made in 1895 by the United States department of agriculture, replies were received from over 1,200 counties, giving the cost of hauling crops in various parts of the United States. The average load hauled was found to be 2,002 pounds; the average length of haul, 12.1 miles; the average cost of hauling a ton of crops to market was \$8.02; while the average cost of hauling a ton for a distance of one mile was 25 cents.

"In order to compare the roads of the United States with those of Europe, the bureau, through its consuls, made careful inquiry on the subject of cost of hauling in England, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland. The average cost of hauling one ton one mile was found to be in England, 10 cents; in France, 10 cents; in Germany, 81-2 cents; in Belgium, 91-2 cents; in Italy, 71-2 cents, and in Switzerland, from 6 to 8 cents, the average of all these European states being 8.6 cents per ton per mile. More than one cause may enter into this determination of cost, but that the great cost in America is due to our poor made dirt roads is proved by the fact that while over the superb roads of Europe a farmer will haul three or four tons at a load, our farmers are able to haul only a ton or less than a ton over the 'plow and scraper' ridge of soil, which even at this late day is dignified by the name of road in many parts of the country."

An exhibit of cheese is being prepared by the provincial dairy commissioner of Manitoba for the Paris exhibition.

The Caller—"I would like to see something in the way of a check."
The Tailor—"Excuse me, are you a customer or a debt collector?"

An Irishman, standing on London Bridge, said to a youth:
"Faith, and I think I know yees; what's your name?"
"Jones," said the boy.
"Jones! Jones!" said the Irishman; "and I knew seventeen ould maids by that name in Dublin. Was aither of them your mither?"

Little Mike (in the midst of his reading)—Feyther, hoy d'yez pronounce I-I-o-I-o?"

McLuberty—"Pronounce ut? Ee-gorra! did yez niver hear a tur-r-rkey gobble?"—Fuck.

"Does your wife do much fancy work?" "Fancy work? She won't even let a porous plaster come into the house without crocheting a red border around it and running a yellow ribbon through the holes."—Tid-Bits.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	130,000
Toronto	72,000
Kingston	40,000
Coteau, Que.	50,000
Depot Harbor, Que.	2,000
Prescott, Ont.	24,000
Winnipeg	150,000
Manitoba elevators	700,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,034,000

Total Sept. 9... .. 2,208,000

Total a year ago 613,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's on Sept. 9 were 50,922,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 12,284,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on September 1 were 6,288,000 bushels, compared with 3,065,000 bushels a year ago; 4,351,000 bushels two years ago; 3,512,000 bushels three years ago; and 8,799,000 bushels four years ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Sept. 16, was 39,288,000 bushels, being an increase of 2,171,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 10,188,000 bushels, two years ago 17,140,000 bushels, three years ago 49,655,000 bushels, and four years ago 36,385,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,661,000 bushels, compared with 4,701,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 7,617,000 bushels, compared with 19,247,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1899	117,169,000
1898	53,204,000
1897	68,113,000
1896	107,300,000
1895	132,341,000

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, 1899, to date compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	7,204,680	8,369,970
Milwaukee	944,860	1,351,195
Duluth	8,612,104	3,171,704
Chicago	4,168,517	5,259,765

Total 20,930,211 23,152,634

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, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	8,520,467	5,984,148
St. Louis	4,571,757	3,028,358
Detroit	1,189,599	1,386,771
Kansas City	5,158,955	8,211,400

Total 19,435,718 19,410,677

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