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WINNIPEG, AUGUST 21, 1895.

Manitoba.

Hill & McCauley contemplate opening in the furniture line in Manitou.

A movement is on foot to establish a board of trade at Carberry. Good idea.

The Winnipeg city council will submit a by-law at the next municipal elections, to exempt the proposed new buildings of the Union Shoe & Leather Co. from taxation for ten years.

The department of agriculture has sent out agents for the purpose of collecting exhibits of grasses and grain in the stalk from the principal farming districts of the province. The collection will be used for exhibition purposes in the east and to replenish the display in the Imperial institute, London, which has been partly destroyed by the ravages of mice and rats.

The stock in trade and book accounts of The Ferguson Co'y., Ltd., stationers, Winnipeg, will be sold at a rate on the \$, on Wednesday, Aug. 26. The estate is made up as follows: Stationery, \$7,149.98; Fancy goods, \$321.24; Book, etc., \$1,628.02; Leather and sporting goods, \$155.56; Games, \$74.51; Printers' Inks, \$212.60; Store and office furniture, \$581.40; Book accounts, \$3,805.43; Total, \$18,917.74. The concern has apparently done a losing business right along, and the dividend to the creditors will be very small. The principal feature of the business seemed to be the salary of \$250 per month which Mr. Ferguson received as manager, and which was out of all proportion to the business done. A considerable portion of the stock carried by the company was simply consigned to them, and the ownership retained by the shippers. These goods were of course removed when the company's difficulties were made known.

Northwest Ontario.

R. H. Ahn has made arrangements for the incorporation of the Golden Gate Mining Company, to operate the Golden Gate mine in the Rat Portage district. He claims this is one of the most promising mines there.

S. A. Hoover, of Port Arthur, dealer in men's furnishings and boots and shoes, has rented premises in Winnipeg and in the course of a month or six weeks will move his stock from Port Arthur to the western metropolis.

Assiniboia.

W. C. Hamilton, Q. C., of Regina, has taken Ford Jones, into partnership, the firm name being Hamilton & Jones.

John Dawson, lately of Dawson & McNiece, general merchants, of Regina and Lumsden, has left for Rossland, B. C. on the lookout for a business opening.

Saskatchewan.

The Battleford Herald says: "The old established firm of Mahaffy & Clinskhill has been dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Mahaffy; but while he has gone out of business we are pleased to learn that he will not leave town. The business will be continued under the old firm name by Mr. Clinskhill."

Lumber Trade News.

R. W. Gibson, of Birtle, Man., has disposed of his stock of lumber and builders' supplies to J. D. McArthur.

On Saturday morning A. W. Gillingham's saw mill at the North Forks of the Old Man's river, 40 miles from Macleod, was the scene of a fatal accident. A boiler exploded, killing three men, named Smith, May and Edsall, and injuring another. The mill was completely wrecked.

Misleading Frost Reports.

The report of two degrees of frost at the Manitoba experimental farm at Brandon during the recent cold dip, which was made public in some papers, is denied by Mr. Bedford, superintendent of the farm. The lowest reading was on Saturday night, when the thermometer in the valley barely reached the frost mark, but the lowest recorded at other points on the farm was two degrees above the danger line. Mr. Bedford informs The Commercial that not the slightest injury was done to the most delicate plants grown at the farm.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No sales, 51c bid for No. 1 hard, now, country point.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$2.05; Bakers, \$1.85.

Bran.—Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights paid, 30c.

Barley—A few cars of new sold at 30c, f.o.b., Winnipeg.

Flax Seed.—Small sales retail at \$1.50 per bushel.

Butter.—Dairy round lots 8c. Creamery, 13 to 15c.

Cheese.—5½ to 5¾c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 11c net, jobbing at 13 to 14c.

Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 5c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 6 to 7c; lamb, 7c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5½c to 6c.

Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2½c. Export 3 to 3½c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4 to 4½c.

Sheep.—3 off cars; lambs, \$1 to \$2.75 each.

Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 19c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 85 to 40c per pair, turkeys, 8c lb., live weight.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, greased salted 7½c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleeces, 10 to 11½c.

Potatoes.—20 to 25c per bushel.

Hay.—\$5.00 per ton, car lots.

This week last year new wheat was offering at some country points, and was being taken on store only.

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Aug. 15, 1895, shows a decrease of 553,000 bushels, against a decrease of 917,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 1,583,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 1,057,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,691,000	80,228,000	81,239,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,768,000	79,903,000	81,397,000	43,101,000
Mar. 4...	78,768,000	75,680,000	79,083,000	41,556,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,439,000	77,651,000	41,036,000
May 6...	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,594,000	71,050,000	27,910,000
July 1...	41,601,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	60,001,000	69,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	30,754,000	63,105,000	66,140,000	35,000,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	61,266,000
Nov. 4...	62,900,000	80,041,000	71,396,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,580,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,888,000	79,953,000	81,780,000
" 11...	68,945,000	86,615,000	80,453,000	82,050,000
" 18...	67,933,000	85,238,000	80,393,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,065,000	80,231,000	81,457,000
Feb. 1...	66,737,000	83,376,000	79,533,000	81,392,000
" 8...	66,119,000	82,222,000	79,680,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,936,000	80,735,000	79,667,000	80,243,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,567,000	79,433,000
March 1...	63,089,000	78,701,000	75,569,000	79,083,000
" 7...	62,690,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	79,103,000
" 14...	62,137,000	76,378,000	73,350,000	79,230,000
" 21...	61,318,000	76,578,000	73,161,000	78,203,000
" 28...	61,019,000	74,398,000	71,488,000	77,331,000
April 4...	60,322,000	74,708,000	70,762,000	77,223,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,497,000	69,217,000	77,096,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,026,000	68,225,000	74,509,000
" 25...	57,916,000	65,770,000	66,533,000	75,027,000
May 2...	55,610,000	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,000,000	60,628,000	63,510,000	71,033,000
" 16...	53,116,000	58,418,000	62,041,000	71,523,000
" 23...	51,298,000	54,214,000	61,339,000	70,169,000
" 30...	50,310,000	52,230,000	59,391,000	70,367,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,214,000	63,682,000
" 13...	49,488,000	47,217,000	57,115,000	66,375,000
" 20...	48,919,000	46,225,000	55,551,000	63,081,000
" 27...	47,860,000	44,501,000	54,057,000	62,316,000
July 4...	47,103,000	43,559,000	54,114,000	61,519,000
" 11...	47,220,000	41,237,000	53,151,000	60,325,000
" 18...	46,743,000	40,458,000	53,771,000	63,301,000
" 25...	47,142,000	39,229,000	57,144,000	59,319,000
Aug. 1...	46,734,000	38,517,000	60,001,000	60,324,000
" 8...	46,429,000	37,339,000	62,321,000	58,569,000
" 15...	45,876,000	36,492,000	63,001,000	57,312,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on August 8 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	282,000
Toronto.....	141,000
Kingston.....	50,000
Winnipeg.....	210,000
Manitoba interior elevators	890,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,483,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on August 8 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	57,892,000
Pacific Coast.....	1,917,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	46,227,000
Pacific Coast.....	4,762,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Aug. 15, shows a decrease of 580,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 57,412,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks of wheat on August 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 97,181,000 bushels, as compared with 118,857,000 bushels on August 1, 1895, 142,354,000 bushels on August 1, 1894, 151,070,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 98,528,000 bushels on August 1, 1892, and with smaller totals on July 1 in preceding years.