

STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	25,000
Toronto	20,000
Calgary	25,000
Port Arthur	25,000
Kingston	25,000
Winnipeg	25,000
Manitoba elevators	12,000

Total Feb. 5.	183,000
Total previous week.	182,000
Total a year ago.	182,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet Feb. 5, 1901, 85,000 bushels, an increase of 88,000 bushels the previous year.

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Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on March 1 were 1,100,000 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 Feb. 22 was 1,380,000 bushels, being a decrease of 127,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 1,220,000 bushels, three years ago, 1,400,000 bushels, four years ago, 1,300,000 bushels, five years ago, 1,200,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 1,000,000 bushels, with 100,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 1,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,000,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

1902	1,000,000,000
1901	1,000,000,000
1900	1,000,000,000
1899	1,000,000,000
1898	1,000,000,000
1897	1,000,000,000
1896	1,000,000,000
1895	1,000,000,000

WHEAT 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, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	1,000,000	1,000,000
St. Louis	1,000,000	1,000,000
Chicago	1,000,000	1,000,000
Detroit	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	1,000,000	1,000,000

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, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

	This crop.	Last crop.
St. Louis	1,000,000	1,000,000
Chicago	1,000,000	1,000,000
Detroit	1,000,000	1,000,000
Minneapolis	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	1,000,000	1,000,000

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year:

Wheat—Cash No. 1, hard, closed at \$1.10 in store; Fort William, 10¢; Patent, \$2.10; best bakers, \$1.95.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$1.00 per ton; shorts, \$1.00 per ton delivered.

Oats—Carleton place, Patent, \$1.00; do, Manitoba, \$0.75.

Barley—40¢ per bushel.

Corn—In car lots 60¢ per bushel of 56 lbs.

Barley—Daily, 15¢ per bushel; creamery, 16¢; do to retail merchants, 17¢.

Eggs—3¢ for Manitoba fresh, less transportation.

Potatoes—Farmers' loads on the street, 10¢ per bushel.

Dressed Meats—Butcher, 10¢ per lb.; hog, 10¢.

Poultry—Dressed chickens 10¢; ducks, 10¢; dressed, 10¢; turkeys, 10¢.

Game—Rabbit, 10¢ per pair; jack rabbits, 10¢ each; and wild pigeons 10¢ per pair.

Hides—5¢ for frozen stock, less 10¢.

Wool—50¢ per lb. for unwashed, less 10¢.

Seena No. 100, 20¢ per lb.

Rated Hay—\$7.00 per ton on cars.

Live Stock—Cattle, 10¢ per lb.; sheep, 10¢; hogs, 10¢.

Grain and Milling.

The Winnipeg Grain Exchange may shortly advance the price of its seats to \$200 owing to their increased value.

A new elevator has been erected at Spoonville during the recent mild weather and will be ready to receive grain at once.

The farmers around Neblum, Man., want a flour mill established at that town as it is necessary for a home to be offered for a mill.

Trading in Manitoba bonded wheat futures was inaugurated on the fourth board of trade on Monday, Manitoba No. 1 northern received a price of 1.00 and northern No. 1 northern, 1.00.

E. C. Perkins, a farmer in the township, N. W. T. district threshed 1,200 bushels of oats from eight acres, and 1,800 bushels of wheat from 15 acres. An average of 150 bushels for oats, and 41 for wheat, per acre.

Within two years the electric Milling Company expect to have their entire Winnipeg plant run by electricity. The power to be supplied by the Winnipeg river, where active preparation for commencing the work of development in the spring are now going forward.

It is stated that the contract for the construction of a 100 ft. clearing elevator at Port Arthur will be let to a United States firm. Work will commence as soon as the contract is signed, which will be very shortly. The elevator will have a capacity of 100,000 bushels.

We have heard a good deal about the Canadian Grain Elevator Company recently to hand over grain from their branches to the Canadian Northern Railway. The new elevator of the latter company at Port Arthur. It appears, however, that the new elevator is not yet completed, notwithstanding announcements to the contrary. A Port Arthur paper says that it will not be ready to receive grain before the first of March at least.

The Northern Elevator Co. has given evidence of a rapid expansion in building. The company commenced the erection of a grain warehouse in Winnipeg, in connection with their elevator here, on Friday, Feb. 14. On Friday, Feb. 21, one week later, grain was being received at the building. Considering that the start and the finish was on a Friday, this is not a bad record. The capacity of the building is about 100,000 bushels.

The shareholders of the Brandon Farmers' elevator held a meeting last week to discuss the question of the election of directors. It is reported that the meeting was an informal one as no formal meeting has been called since 1890. Only one director of the company was present. It came out during the discussion that the company has been in a state of disorganization for some time. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter and report to the shareholders.

Chinese Restriction.

Ottawa, Feb. 27. The Chinese to-day presented to parliament today a bill to restrict the immigration of Chinese. The conclusions arrived at may be summarized as follows:

In regard to raising the number of the New Vancouver road company, it is also one of the largest exporters, favors the exclusion of Chinese. The president of another company, Mr. James Dunsin, is in favor of higher restriction and the adoption of the Natal Act. Another company, the Wellington O.C., is in favor of unrestricted immigration.

The principal exports of lumber are in favor of exclusion. The Chinese are largely employed in the shingle business, and it is considered that they are necessary to that trade. As for farming, outside the large land owners, it is in favor of exclusion. But it is the farmers that the Chinese are largely employed. The exclusion of the Chinese is said not likely to in any way seriously affect this industry as there are now sufficient Chinese to carry on that industry without any injury.

As cooks and assistants in hotels the Chinese are favorably regarded. But they are excluded better hands would take their place.

As domestics the Chinese are also favorably regarded. This is on account of the scarcity of servant girls.

In the opinion of the commissioners the interests of the country are not

served best by providing a supply of cheap labor. Chinese work for low wages and keep out white labor. Their presence is a danger to the existence of white labor. The fact is established that white laboring men cannot compete with the Chinese and support their families in a proper way.

The conclusion which the commissioners arrive at is that Chinese retard white immigrants who would make good citizens and settlers. It is said that the presence of the Chinese is dangerous to the industrial peace of the community where they reside. They are not to be their own country all their earnings and spend little or nothing in Canada. In the opinion of the commissioners it is impossible for the province of British Columbia to take their place and part in the Dominion unless its population is free from the taint of servile labor and is imbued with a sense of the duties and the responsibility attaching to citizenship.

The commissioners approve of the action of the legislature of British Columbia as to the grave injury that would follow an influx of Chinese laborers.

Then follows the findings of the commission. They are in favor of the exclusion of Chinese laborers from immediate raising of the port tax to \$500 and Committee to move for a trial for two years pending a prohibitory treaty and if \$500 is not sufficient he would approve of raising it to \$500.

An assignment was made last Friday of the wholesale millinery firm of J. M. Hamilton & Sons, 8 Wellington street West, Toronto.

Not all of the manufacturing concerns of Great Britain are as slow at seeking trade outside of their regular channels as some would have us believe. The Commercial is continuously receiving through the mails direct from Britain, catalogues and advertising literature from manufacturers who seem anxious to do business in this country. The latest is the catalogue and order form of Seidel & Neumann, 23 Moor Lane, Finsbury, E.C. London, makers of metallic packing rings.

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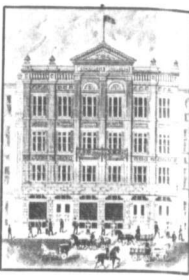
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