

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**FREIGHT RATES.** The following table shows difference in 1912 between freight rates per 100 lbs. on wheat to Port Arthur from points in Manitoba and from points in the Western Provinces, with equivalent per acre on a crop of 20 bushels:

Winnipeg, Man.—10c.....	\$1.20 per acre
Boissevain, Man.—13c.....	1.56 per acre
Brandon, Man.—13c.....	1.56 per acre
Edmonton, Alta.—25c.....	3.00 per acre
Lethbridge, Alta.—23c.....	2.76 per acre
Battleford, Sask.—24c.....	2.96 per acre

The following figures show difference in freight rates per 100 lbs. on live stock between Western Provinces and Manitoba to Winnipeg Market:

Edmonton, Alta., 40c., Virden, Man., 19c., difference 21c. on an animal of 1,400 weight, \$2.94; Lethbridge, Alta., 43c., Deloraine, Man., 20c., difference \$3.22; Calgary, Alta., 45c., Melita, Man., 19c., difference 26c., or \$3.64.

**GRAIN CROP.** In 1912, 50,000 farmers garnered 182,357, - 494 bushels. For particulars see under "Agriculture."

**HUDSON BAY ROUTE.** From various expert opinions, optimistic and the reverse, it may be concluded that the Route is open for navigation from about the 15th July to about 15th Oct. The C.N.R. have built a line from Winnipeg to The Pas on the Saskatchewan River. From there the Dominion Government will build a line to Fort Churchill, 465 miles, or Port Nelson, 397 miles. This route will affect an average saving of 970 miles on the distance from the Western wheat fields to the Atlantic seaboard. Distance to Liverpool from Fort Churchill is 2,926 miles; from Montreal, via Belle Isle, 2,761, and via Cape Race, 2,927 miles; from New York, 3,079 miles. Write for pamphlet "Hudson Bay Route" to the Dept. of the Interior, Ottawa. See report Dept. of Railways and Canals, 1909.

### IMPORTATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

Statement showing value of importations from the United States into Manitoba as shown by Customs Returns at Winnipeg, for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1912: Bacon and hams, shoulders and sides, \$573,569; vegetables and baked beans in cans and other air-tight packages, n.o.p., \$114,870; eggs, \$314,141; other meats, fresh, \$68,661; tomatoes and cooked corn in cans and other air-tight packages, \$8,343; mutton and lamb, fresh,