

STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	35,000
Ottawa	15,000
Quebec	251,000
Port Arthur, Ont.	65,000
Port William, Port Arthur and	
Kenora	2,618,000
Winnipeg	50,000
Manitoba Elevators	1,000,000

Total Dec. 28, 1901.....12,794,000
Total previous week.....12,745,000
Total a year ago.....5,965,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT ON SPRINGK. Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Dec. 28, were 94,700 bushels, as against 94,840,000 bushels the previous week, according to Bradstreet's report.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 87,911,000 bushels according to Bradstreet's report.

Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Jan. 1 were 3,343,000 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 Jan. 4, was 59,928,000 bushels, being an increase of 261,000 bushels over the week ending Dec. 28, 1901. A year ago visible supply was 61,245,000 bushels, two years ago 58,000 bushels, three years ago 58,000 bushels, four years ago 58,000 bushels, five years ago 58,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, is 5,002,000 bushels, and this week with 9,154,000 bushels a year ago. The quantity of the previous week was 5,020,000 bushels, compared with 10,420,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago state-

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1901	107,000,000
1900	107,000,000
1899	107,000,000
1898	107,000,000
1897	107,000,000
1896	107,000,000
1895	107,000,000
1894	107,000,000

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States 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	42,413,000 42,413,000
Winnipeg	9,808,000 4,880,270
Indian	2,247,244 12,922,215
Chicago	23,079,500 20,794,027

Total.....124,027,080 88,888,002
The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States 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.
Minneapolis	3,777,000 7,070,716
Winnipeg	14,306,151 15,452,015
Indian	2,520,280 2,224,271
Chicago	20,097,540 24,658,538
KANSAS CITY	15,084,154 26,788,017

Total.....38,200,527 51,530,619

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year:

Wheat No. 1 hard closed at 80½c in store Port William.
Flour—Superior per bushel: Patent, 82½c; best bakers, 81½c.
Barley—Malt, 81½c; 2½c per bushel, 81½c per ton delivered.

Carload on track, Alberta 36½c; 36c Manitoba, 34½c; 34c Ontario—\$1.00 per 80½c sack.

Barley—Superior per bushel 81½c; 2½c per bushel 81½c; 2½c per bushel 81½c; 2½c per bushel 81½c.

Eggs—20c for Manitoba fresh, less export; 18c for city dressed; country, 14½c per lb.

Dairy—Dressed chickens; 8c; ducks, 10c; 8½c; geese, 9½c; turkeys, dressed, 11c.

Hides—4½c for city dressed; country, 4½c per lb.

Wool—Washed, 25c @ 30c per lb; 25c @ 30c per lb; 25c @ 30c per lb; 25c @ 30c per lb.

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Grain and Milling Notes.

G. R. Crowe, of the Northern Elevator Co., has returned from an eastern trip.

D. G. McLean, formerly of Montreal, who has been in the west since last summer, is opening in the grain and feed business in Winnipeg, on Princess street, near James, at the corner.

At the beginning of this week there were two threshing machines in operation in the district surrounding Rapid City, Minn. They were expected to finish up in a few days. The same general condition of crop shortage which prevails all over the province is in evidence at Rapid City and the town council is endeavoring to have the difficulty overcome.

Weather Conditions.

The weather has been very mild all this week. With the exception of a brief cold spell, there has been nothing all winter to interfere with threshing so far this winter, and the fact that the winter set in before threshing had been finished has not proved a serious matter after all. Several small outbreaks of crop shortage which prevail all over the province is in evidence at Rapid City and the town council is endeavoring to have the difficulty overcome.

Late Trade Items.

Wool is half a cent higher on the week at Boston.

Cotton is 20 per cent. lower than a year ago in the United States.

Yellow pine is said to be scarce at Chicago, and an advance is expected. Large imports of foreign potatoes have caused a reduction in prices for this article at some United States points.

Canadian lead grinders met in quarterly session at Montreal on the 23rd inst., and reduced quotations on leads 12½ cents a hundred.

For the week failures in Canada number 32 in comparison 25 last week; 34 in this week a year ago; 28 in 1900; 48 in 1890 and 34 in 1898.

Business failures for the week number 298, as against 280 last week; 322 in this week last year; 265 in 1900; 304 in 1890 and 323 in 1898.

Canadian bank clearings for the week aggregate \$40,877,400, and are 39 per cent. larger than last week and 14 per cent. larger than a year ago.

Receipts of hops at United States packing points have been large, and this is reflected in lower prices for hop products and particularly for lard.

Small sizes of steam coal have advanced 15 cents at Philadelphia, and family grades are 25 cents per ton higher, while bituminous is from 10 to 15 cents higher.

At Montreal turpentine is advanced to 90c, and linseed oil is lower by several cents. The quotation for copper is also lower at 8½c. The rubber market is steady at \$4.00 for standard granulated, though foreign markets for raw best continue very low.

Shoe shipments at Boston and other eastern United States cities are still larger in excess of a year ago. No diminution of strength is noted in leather, though hides are easier. An advance in price of the finished product of some 2½ to 5c per pair is considered sure to come.

The weekly review of the United States market says: Iron and steel production is active beyond precedent for this season of the year, and further advance of 50 cents and 81 per ton are noted in charcoal pig, which is taking the place of other grades at Chicago, as a result of the scarcity, due to insufficient transportation. Southern pig iron has been firmly put on a \$12 base for No. 2 at Birmingham, and foundry pig has been advanced 50 cents at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Other metals are weak. Copper, though ostensibly held at 12c per pound, has been open, cut, and expectations early in the week for a further reduction. Tin is also lower on the week.

The Commercial Men.

A. C. Beach, one of the old timers on the road, is in the city this week.

Thos. Clearhue, wholesale gloves, mits, etc., goes west to-day on a business trip.

S. C. Matthews, senior member of the firm of Matthews, Towers & Co., wholesale men's furnishings, Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week on his way home from the west. Mr. Matthews has been through to the coast, and he has had a good business trip.

The death occurred last week at Vancouver of A. T. Moore, at the age of sixty-three years. The deceased was one of the best known commercial men in British Columbia, and some years ago was well known in Winnipeg. Of late he had represented Berry & Thorne, of Vancouver.

At the annual meeting of the Manitoba and Northwest Fire Underwriters Association held at Winnipeg on Thursday, W. H. Allan was elected president, and J. C. Waugh vice-president for the current year.

A feature in the export live stock trade, says the Montreal Gazette, has been the demand from American shippers for Canadian distillery cattle, and a sale of 800 head has been made for spring delivery at 5½c per lb. for steers.

There is a steady demand for Canadian cattle in Ontario, owing to the high prices ruling in the Chicago market for shipping stock, and this is one of the principal reasons that presses the Toronto market are as high as they are now for choice export stock. In regard to the foreign trade prices in Liverpool and London for choice Canadian cattle are higher now than they have been for some weeks past, but notwithstanding this fact, shippers state they are still losing money on account of the high prices they have to pay for their cattle in the Toronto market. Choice export cattle are selling at 5½c and good at 4½ to 5c per lb.

"Hullo, sir! How is it I catch you kissing my daughter?"

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