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WINNIPEG AS A GRAIN MARKET

If there is any grain market on the continent of America which surpasses Winnipeg in statistical and other importance, Western Canada generally and Mr. C. N. Bell particularly, would like to hear of it. Mr. Bell is the secretary of the Winnipeg grain exchange, and for several years has kept a watchful eye on Minneapolis and the other on the Winnipeg exchange. He has just completed statistics covering the movement of grain into Winnipeg during the crop year ended August 31st, 1913. His statement shows total inspections of 238,409,225 bushels in the western grain inspection division for that year, divided as follows:—

Crop.	Bushels.
Wheat	141,715,125
Oats	59,763,600
Barley	14,833,000
Flax-seed	22,081,500
Rye	16,000
Total	238,409,225

It appears that three years ago Winnipeg, for the first time, passed all competitors on this continent as the leading grain market. Since 1910 it has continued to progress and now out-distances all competitors.

Minneapolis, naturally, has taken pride in its grain importance and when three years ago, the Winnipeg statement was extensively published in the United States, certain United States newspapers and several members of the Minneapolis chamber of commerce took exception to the comparison of the figures as to dates, claiming that the Winnipeg figures were for the crop year ended

August 31st, while the Minneapolis figures were for the previous calendar year.

Mr. Bell, in order to prevent similar objections on this occasion, has prepared a statement showing the receipts of grain at various points on the American continent during the calendar year 1912. "This statement," says Mr. Bell tenderly, "shows that Minneapolis is hopelessly left behind in the race for supremacy, while old-time markets like Chicago and New York, as grain markets, exist almost only in history." Here are the figures:—

	Wheat. Bushels.	Oats. Bushels.	Barley. Bushels.
Winnipeg	143,682,750	51,683,000	10,049,800
Minneapolis	113,635,280	15,804,530	24,599,630
Buffalo	108,225,504	10,580,150	12,176,925
Duluth	86,777,990	10,328,940	10,932,261
New York	45,976,100	24,152,650	7,070,864
Kansas City	43,719,600	6,682,700	186,200
Montreal	36,283,931	13,271,581	1,895,089
Chicago	35,914,000	118,491,300	20,355,200
St. Louis	30,541,767	21,152,650	7,070,864
Philadelphia	19,601,796	9,600,214	386,012
Omaha	16,868,800	12,903,000	1,192,800
Baltimore	12,488,385	17,481,271	579,588
Milwaukee	9,967,490	14,346,360	13,716,000
Cleveland	3,552,675	11,278,520	28,946

Duluth has also held its head high for many years as the world's greatest flax seed market, but the province of Saskatchewan, which grows most of Canada's flax, has apparently won the title for Winnipeg. Duluth's receipts for the calendar year 1912, were 14,570,125, while Winnipeg's receipts for the crop year 1912-13 were 19,394,550.

These facts and figures are another illustration of the oft-repeated statement that Canada is traversing the road of progress similar to that travelled by the United States during the past century.