

the local house the elevator owners asked for a commission, but it was refused. We also asked through the press that definite charges should be laid so that we might have the chance of meeting them, but nobody would "face the music." We are suggesting to the government at the present time that they should appoint a commissioner to receive complaints and inquire into them. All that the elevator owners want is "a fair field and no favor." All the charges laid against the trade so far have been either of such a general character that we could not take them up, or have been made under the protection of "privilege" in the house of commons and the Northwest Assembly. Thanking you in anticipation for your courtesy in inserting this letter.

JOHN LOVE.

Winnipeg, May 8.

The Commercial Men.

W. H. Leishman, of Toronto, is at the Clarendon, Winnipeg.

J. H. Bastedo, of Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg from the west on Thursday.

E. Smith, representing Matthews, Towers & Co., was in the city this week.

W. G. Shera, of McKenna, Thomson & Co., was at his sample room in the city this week.

J. H. Bastedo, western representative of Gillespie, Ansley & Dixon, is now on the road with his fall samples in hats, caps, furs, etc.

R. S. Norton, a well known western commercial man, will leave Winnipeg in a few weeks, having accepted a position with Rice, Dixon & Co., a wholesale firm of St. Louis.

E. H. Taaffe left for the main line west this week with Tooke Bros.' samples. Before going out Mr. Taaffe located new sample rooms in the McIntyre block.

Thos. Montgomery, traveller for Stobart, Sons & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, one of the oldest and best known men on the road in this country, met with a runaway accident on May 9th at Wawanesa, whereby his leg was broken.

J. McA. Cameron, representing the Toronto Discount Co., has arrived from the east and will open an agency in Winnipeg for his company. Pending the securing of suitable quarters, he has located temporarily in the Sanford block. Mr. Cameron is not a stranger to the west, having made trips here for T. A. Lytle & Co.

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Statistical Wheat Reports.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	101,000
Toronto	43,000
Kingston	25,000
Winnipeg	456,000
Manitoba elevators	5,525,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,902,000

Total April 29 10,052,000
Total a year ago 3,251,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States, as reported by Bradstreet's on April 29, were 47,258,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 31,039,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on May 1, were 4,435,000 bushels, compared with 3,051,000 bushels a year ago.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 6, was 27,466,000 bushels, being a decrease of 678,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 22,528,000 bushels, two years ago 31,862,000 bushels, three years ago 54,000,000 bushels, and four years ago 59,623,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. POINTS.

	Bushels.
Chicago	4,931,000
Duluth	9,885,000
Minneapolis	8,229,000
New York	354,000
Buffalo and afloat	5,000

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,891,000 bushels, compared with 9,534,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 22,045,000 bushels, compared with 24,913,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on May 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows:—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1899	115,413,600
1898	100,890,000
1897	107,198,000
1896	146,682,000
1895	172,099,000

CROP 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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	75,747,086	66,508,640
Millwaukee	11,493,906	8,132,337
Duluth	64,793,270	36,741,203
Chicago	30,831,121	32,299,042

Total 182,865,383 143,681,622

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, 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	12,241,726	10,882,979
St. Louis	13,360,654	11,355,594
Detroit	4,701,810	4,567,987
Kansas City	24,597,443	27,650,566

Total 54,701,633 54,457,126

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