

Commission Charges on Wheat.

The proposal to establish regular commission rates for handling wheat in the Winnipeg market has been dropped for the present by the Winnipeg grain exchange. Notice of motion was given at a recent meeting of the exchange that a resolution would be introduced fixing commission rates at a stated amount. It was also proposed in the resolution that all car lot grain offered should be sold on the open board subject to commission. When the matter came up, it was withdrawn, and consequently nothing was done. At present there is no established rate of commission, each dealer making his own terms. The trade was somewhat divided as to the advisability of adopting the proposed resolution, though the general opinion is, that regular commission rates should be fixed by the exchange. The proposal to have all car lot stuff sold on open bid, would make a lively cash market here and would perhaps encourage farmers to ship in car lots to a greater extent than they now do.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns for the last week report 1,492 cars of grain inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 1,118; 2 hard, 200; 3 hard, 35; 1 northern, 52; 2 northern 6; 1 spring, 2; 1 white type, 8; 2 white type, 2; 1 frosted 2; 2 frosted, 3; No. 1 rejected, 31, 2 rejected, 5; no grade, 8 cars. Oats, No. 1 white, 11 cars; 2 white, 11 cars. Barley, No. 3, 3 cars. Last week there were 732 cars inspected. The "no grade" is old wheat, but about everything else is new grain.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 918,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Sept. 23, compared with 75,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts for the week were 491,000 bushels and shipments were 260,000 bushels; 124,000 bushels were in store at Port Arthur. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 2,915,000 bushels compared with about 1,600,000 bushels a year ago.

Stuart & Harper, Winnipeg, are offering a flour mill, situated at a Manitoba country point, for sale.

It has not been decided yet whether or not a meeting of the standards' board will be held this year. Under the new act the standards' board will only meet when it is considered that there is a sufficient quantity of off grade wheat to make it desirable to select standards for special grades.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have announced a reduction of their elevator storage charges at Fort William. The new basis provided for a rate of half a cent per bushel for elevating, including fifteen days' storage, cost of cleaning and spouting to vessels. The old rate was 8-4c per bushel, including 20 days storage, and 1-2c for each additional 30 days' storage.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	142,000
Toronto	44,000
Kingston	35,000
Coteau, Que.	32,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	8,000
Prescott, Ont.	105,000
Winnipeg	1,750,000
Manitoba elevators	1,010,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	3,176,000

Total, Sept. 16 ... 3,176,000

Total a year ago ... 1,681,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, as reported by Bradstreet's on Sept. 16 were 56,220,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 17,376,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on September 1 were 6,288,000 bushels, compared with 3,065,000 bushels a year ago; 4,651,000 bushels two years ago; 3,512,000 bushels three years ago; and 8,799,000 bushels four years 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 Sept. 23, was 39,728,000 bushels, being an increase of 440,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 9,300,000 bushels, two years ago 19,543,000 bushels, three years ago 48,715,000 bushels, and four years ago 40,768,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 6,383,000 bushels, compared with 4,754,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 8,850,000 bushels, compared with 19,652,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1899	117,169,000
1898	58,264,000
1897	68,113,000
1896	107,300,000
1895	132,341,000

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, 1899, to date compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	10,321,910	9,955,990
Milwaukee	1,210,572	1,660,595
Duluth	11,097,630	11,247,508
Chicago	5,068,537	6,352,417

Total ... 27,698,649 29,216,510

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, 1899, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	8,693,612	6,228,639
St. Louis	4,783,757	3,971,358
Detroit	1,242,077	1,680,494
Kansas City	5,689,755	8,797,600

Total ... 20,409,201 20,678,091

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