

**Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.**

The changes were: Eggs, 1c higher, butter and cheese easier, mutton, 1c lower, hogs 1/2c lower, dressed do, 3/4c lower, hides 1c higher.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat sold during the week at 97c to \$1.00.
- Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$2.45; Bakers, \$2.25.
- Bran.—Per ton, \$12.
- Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.
- Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 83 to 84c.
- Barley.—Per bushel, about 3S to 40c, local freights.
- Flax seed.—Small sales for seed at \$1.50 per bushel.
- Butter.—Country dairy 10 in a small way, and very dull.
- Cheese.—New 7c.
- Eggs.—Fresh, 8c net, jobbing 9c.
- Beef.—City dressed, 6 to 6 1/2c.
- Mutton.—Fresh, 8 to 9c.
- Hogs.—City dressed, 5 to 5 1/2c.
- Cattle.—Butchers' 3 to 3 1/2c.
- Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.
- Sheep.—4 to 4 1/2c.
- Seneca Root.—Dry 17 to 19c lb.
- Poultry.—Chickens, 8c, turkeys, 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c.
- Hides.—No. 1, cows 7 1/2c.
- Wool.—Unwashed fleeces, 8 to 10 1/2c.
- Potatoes.—30 to 35c per bushel.
- Hay.—\$4.00 per ton, car lots

**The Hardware and Paint Trade.**

The Montreal Gazette of May 29 says: Owing to the heavy production of turpentine and the advices from the South, prices have declined 1 to 2c per gallon to 42c for single barrel lots and 41c for five barrel lots and over. The demand for cordage at the factory has been good and a number of orders have been placed at steady prices. Montreal prices are: Turpentine, 41c to 42c; resins, \$2.50 to \$5, as to brand; coal tar, \$3 to \$3.50; cotton waste, 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c for colored, and 7c to 8c for white; oakum, 5c to 7c, and cotton oakum, 9c to 11c. Cordage—Sisal, 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c for 7-16 and upwards. Pure Manila, 9 1/2c to 10c for 7-16 and upwards, and 10 1/2c for smaller sizes. Cement.—English brands at \$1.95 to \$2.05, and Belgian at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per barrel, ex-wharf. A fair business is reported in firebricks at prices ranging from \$16 to \$22 per 1,000, as to brand.

Regarding paints and oils the Montreal Gazette says: The free arrival of linseed oil has caused a weaker feeling and prices are quoted 1/2c lower, with recent sales of raw at 52c to 53c and boiled at 55c, five barrel lots and over 1c less. Montreal prices are: Choice brands white lead, Government standard, \$5; No. 1, \$1.75; No. 2 \$1.50; No. 3, \$1.25; dry white lead, 4 1/2c; red lead, pure, 4c to 4 1/2c; do. No. 1, 4c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; glass, \$1.25 to \$1.50 first break; \$1.35 to \$1.40 second break, per 50 feet; \$2.80 to \$3 for third break, per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 52c to 53c; boiled, 55c; cod oil, 35c to 37 1/2c; seal oil, 42 1/2c; castor oil, 6 1/2c to 7 1/2c; putty, in bu'k, \$1.85; Paris green, casks, 13 1/2c; drums, 14 1/2c; packets, 15 1/2c.

A Toronto report says: Brass goods for plumbers' supplies have advanced, a new combination having been formed. Copper and zinc are still advancing. Other metals are firm.

**Wheat Stocks.**

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended May 30, 1896, shows a decrease of 953,000 bushels, against a decrease of 2,015,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,183,000

bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 1,705,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,681,000	80,222,000	81,238,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,363,000	81,390,000	43,181,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	76,589,000	79,088,000	41,636,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,453,000	77,654,000	41,058,000
May, 6...	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,100,000
July 1...	44,661,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,617,000	60,901,000	59,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,754,000	69,103,000	66,140,000	38,760,000
Oct. 7...	41,332,000	73,814,000	63,276,000	51,256,000
Nov. 4...	52,990,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,993,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,580,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,336,000	79,953,000	81,786,000
" 11...	63,945,000	86,915,000	80,433,000	82,030,000
" 18...	67,988,000	85,288,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,623,000	84,685,000	80,224,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,378,000	79,863,000	81,390,000
" 8...	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,926,000	80,733,000	78,607,000	80,214,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,957,000	79,433,000
March 1...	64,080,000	78,761,000	76,569,000	79,033,000
" 7...	62,696,000	77,717,000	74,097,000	79,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,359,000	79,030,000
" 21...	61,318,000	75,773,000	72,103,000	78,209,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,503,000	71,458,000	77,614,000
April 4...	60,322,000	74,703,000	70,762,000	77,293,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,497,000	69,217,000	76,090,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,616,000	68,425,000	74,889,000
" 25...	57,916,000	65,776,000	66,543,000	75,027,000
May 2...	55,519,000	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,032,000
" 16...	53,116,000	56,481,000	62,044,000	71,528,000
" 23...	51,298,000	54,214,000	61,319,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,310,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,307,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on May 23 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	474,000
Toronto.....	30,000
Kingston.....	.....
Winnipeg.....	260,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,500,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,373,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on May 23 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	71,833,000
Pacific Coast.....	3,182,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	67,092,000
Pacific Coast.....	10,150,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended May 30, shows a decrease of 2,560,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 68,773,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on May 1, 1896. (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 131,316,000 bushels, as compared with 154,980,000 bushels on May 1, 1895, 170,695,000 bushels on May 1, 1894, 172,039,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 125,891,000 bushels on May 1, 1892, and with similar totals on May 1 in preceding years.

**The United States War Bill.**

President Cleveland has vetoed the bill for an enormous expenditure for coast defences which was passed as a result of the Venezuela war scare. Bradstreet says of the act: President Cleveland has only done what was expected in vetoing the River and Harbor bill. This measure, as is pointed out in the message, directly appropriates or provides for the immediate expenditure of nearly \$14,000,000

for river and harbor work, which sum is in addition to appropriations contained in another bill for similar purposes amounting to a little more than \$3,000,000 already favorably considered at the present session of Congress, so that the contemplated immediate expenditures for the objects mentioned amount to about \$17,000,000. The bill, however, authorizes contracts for future work on rivers and harbors, the obligations on account of which, together with the appropriations made for immediate expenditure, will amount to about \$80,000,000. The President says, in vetoing the measure, that many of the objects for which it appropriates public money are not related to the public welfare; that many of them are palpably for the benefit of limited localities or in aid of individual interests, and that on the face of the bill it appears that not a few of these alleged improvements have been so improvidently planned and prosecuted that after an unwise expenditure of millions of dollars new experiments for their accomplishment have been entered upon. The measure, the President says, opens the way to insidious and increasing abuses, and is in itself so extravagant as to be especially unsuited to times of depressed business and resulting disappointment in government revenue. A well-merited rebuke to some of the Washington legislators is conveyed in the President's suggestion that at a time when the issue of government bonds to maintain the credit and financial standing of the country is a subject of criticism, the contracts provided for in the bill would create obligations of the United States amounting to \$62,000,000, no less binding than its bonds for that sum.

A later telegram from Washington says: The river and harbor bill has been passed by the house over the president's veto of 220 to 60, and the senate has also passed the bill over the veto by a large majority, so that it is now law, notwithstanding the veto.

**Comparative Prices in Staples.**

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	May 29, 1896.	May 31, 1895.
Flour, straight spring.....	\$3.10 to \$3.70	\$3.50 to \$4.20
Flour, straight winter.....	\$3.20 to \$3.50	\$3.50 to \$4.00
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	7 1/2c	8c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	3 1/2c	3 1/2c
Oats, No. 2.....	23c	23 1/2c
rye, No. 2, Western.....	44c	.....
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee.....	.....	.....
Cotton, mid. upld.....	20c	7 1/2c
Print cloths, 64x64.....	29-10c	2 13-16c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X.....	16c	15 to 15 1/2c
Wool, N. 1 combg.....	19 to 20c	19 to 20c
Pork, mess new.....	\$8.25 to \$9.50	\$13.50 to 14.25
Lard, westn, stm.....	4.45c	7.90c
Butter, creamery.....	15 1/2c	18 1/2c
Cheese, ch. east 1/2.....	7 1/2c	7c
Sugar, centr., 90.....	4c	3 1/2c
Sugar, granulated.....	5 1/2c	4 7-16c
Coffee, Kio, No. 7.....	14c	10 1/2c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.....	\$1.05	\$1.51
Petroleum, rid. gal.....	6.55c	8.00c
*Iron, Bes. Pz.....	\$12.40	\$11.50
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$19.50	\$17.50
Ocean Steam Freight.....	.....	.....
Grain, Liverpool.....	2d	1 1/2d
Cotton.....	3-32d	1-16d

**Silver.**

The silver market has been firm, and the demand seems sufficient to absorb all offerings at around present prices. Silver prices on May 29 were: London, 81 3-16c; New York, 68 1/2c.

John S. Douglas formerly in the retail fur trade in Winnipeg, has been sent up for trial on the charge of fraud as a result of the preliminary investigation. The charge is that he disposed of goods very cheaply and made no entries in his books, for the purpose of defrauding his creditors. The magistrate fixed the bail at \$750 himself and \$1,500 besides. No bail was offered and Douglas was sent to the provincial gaol to await trial.