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## Manitoba.

The Pure Bred Cattle Breeder's Association, and the Sheep and Swine Breeder's Association, held their annual meeting in Winnipeg, last week. Many interesting papers were read, and the meetings indicated the progress of live stock breeding in Manitoba.

J. W. Donohue, of Glenboro has leased the Nicollet house in Winnipeg.

The stock in trade of T. M. Tobias & Co. of Morden, general merchants, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, on February 26, in Winnipeg. The estate consists of \$14,613 in goods, \$625 in store furniture, and \$9,628 in book debts. This shows a very large proportion of book debts, which are always an undesirable asset.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Horse Breeder's Association was held in Winnipeg last week. J. G. Rutherford was elected president, S. J. Thompson, vice-president for Manitoba and Ernest Repton, vice-president for the Territories, and W. L. Puxley, secretary.

Another new paper has been added to the country press of Manitoba. The first number of The Herald has been published at McGregor, by the Bailey Printing Co. It is neatly printed and gives a good list of local news items.

A building at McGregor, owned by W. H. Sharpe, and used as an implement warehouse and residence, was burned on Feb. 11, and the adjoining residence of P. W. Martin was also burned. Sharpe's loss is about \$1,000. The machinery belonged to the Mussey-Harris Co., and was mostly destroyed.

Wm Senkbeil, boots & shoes, Brandon, has sold out to the Adams boot & Shoe company.

A joint committee, consisting of the presidents and secretaries of the Winnipeg Ministerial association, the Winnipeg Retail association, and representatives of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council will meet to make arrangements for a public meeting on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 23 to forward the movement in favor of the earlier closing of stores on Saturday evenings. The ministers of the city have also been asked by the Ministerial Association to bring this question before their congregation on Sunday, Feb. 21.

The fourth annual meeting of the Manitoba Poultry association opened in Winnipeg on Tuesday last. The exhibition is without exception the most successful affair of the kind ever held in the province. In point of entries, the number of birds in each class, as well as in the quality of the exhibits, the present exhibition has never been equalled in the province.

## Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Feb. 13, 1897, shows a decrease of 1,227,000 bushels, against a decrease of 193,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,539,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 893,000 bushels three years ago.

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years; the second table shows the visible supply at the end of each week in the current year, compared with the three previous years:

	1896.	1895.	1894	1893.
Jan. 4 ..	00 842,000	87,836,000	79,053,000	81,788,000
" 11 ..	63,945,000	90,615,000	80,433,000	82,080,000
" 18 ..	67,983,000	85,286,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25 ..	67,623,000	84,605,000	80,264,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1 ..	66,734,000	83,376,000	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	78,667,000	80,214,000
" 22 ..	63,011,000	79,470,000	77,257,000	79,445,000
March 1 ..	64,099,000	78,701,000	76,589,000	79,088,000
" 7 ..	62,696,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	79,100,000
" 14 ..	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,309,000	79,010,000
" 21 ..	61,348,000	76,773,000	72,163,000	78,208,000
" 28 ..	61,048,000	74,308,000	71,468,000	77,634,000
April 4 ..	60,322,000	72,708,000	70,762,000	77,233,000
" 11 ..	59,330,000	70,497,000	69,217,000	70,030,000
" 18 ..	58,483,000	68,626,000	68,425,000	71,589,000
" 25 ..	57,916,000	65,776,000	66,593,000	75,027,000
May 2 ..	55,619,000	62,100,000	63,166,000	73,089,000
" 9 ..	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,082,000
" 16 ..	53,146,000	56,484,000	62,914,000	71,528,000
" 23 ..	51,295,000	54,214,000	61,329,000	70,159,000
" 30 ..	50,340,000	52,223,000	59,394,000	70,367,000
June 6 ..	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,211,000	68,602,000
" 13 ..	49,480,000	47,717,000	57,106,000	66,376,000
" 20 ..	48,819,000	46,225,000	55,852,000	63,051,000
" 27 ..	47,860,000	44,561,000	54,657,000	62,316,000
July 4 ..	47,199,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,510,000
" 11 ..	47,229,000	41,237,000	53,164,000	59,328,000
" 18 ..	46,743,000	40,483,000	53,771,000	58,903,000
" 25 ..	46,142,000	39,229,000	57,144,000	59,319,000
Aug. 1 ..	46,734,000	38,517,000	60,601,000	59,424,000
" 8 ..	46,420,000	37,839,000	62,321,000	58,889,000
" 15 ..	45,876,000	36,893,000	63,961,000	57,812,000
" 22 ..	45,189,000	35,483,000	64,771,000	57,240,000
" 29 ..	45,674,000	35,483,000	66,949,000	56,881,000
Sept. 5 ..	46,405,000	36,754,000	66,168,000	56,140,000
" 12 ..	47,092,000	38,092,000	69,214,000	57,331,000
" 19 ..	49,055,000	39,385,000	70,189,000	58,693,000
" 26 ..	48,716,000	40,708,000	71,413,000	60,628,000
Oct. 3 ..	50,110,000	41,832,000	73,014,000	63,275,000
" 10 ..	51,434,000	44,481,000	75,074,000	65,239,000
" 17 ..	51,908,000	46,109,000	76,659,000	66,978,000
" 24 ..	57,285,000	50,460,000	78,180,000	69,327,000
" 31 ..	63,080,000	52,990,000	81,427,000	71,390,000
Nov. 7 ..	69,203,000	60,986,000	81,230,000	74,052,000
" 14 ..	61,003,000	60,326,000	82,231,000	76,763,000
" 21 ..	59,971,000	62,221,000	83,014,000	77,233,000
" 28 ..	58,914,000	63,903,000	85,159,000	78,991,000
Dec. 5 ..	56,312,000	63,780,000	85,978,000	78,738,000
" 12 ..	54,384,000	66,834,000	88,172,000	80,128,000
" 19 ..	55,163,000	69,398,000	90,071,000	81,240,000
" 26 ..	64,433,000	69,958,000	93,501,000	80,228,000
		1897	1895	1891
Jan. 2 ..	54,651,000	60,812,000	87,880,000	79,053,000
" 9 ..	53,872,000	68,945,000	89,615,000	80,433,000
" 16 ..	52,959,000	67,988,000	85,580,000	80,332,000
" 23 ..	61,295,000	67,623,000	84,668,000	80,264,000
" 30 ..	49,991,000	60,734,000	83,376,000	79,863,000
Feb. 6 ..	47,885,000	60,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000
" 13 ..	46,688,000	60,920,000	80,733,000	78,667,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on Feb. 6, is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal .....	416,000
Toronto .....	219,000
Kingston .....	19,000
Winnipeg .....	251,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,435,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin .....	2,902,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on February 6, 1897.

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains .....	66,201,000
Pacific Coast .....	3,005,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains .....	96,663,000
Pacific Coast .....	5,889,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Feb. 13, shows a decrease of 1,227,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 64,974,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks of wheat on February 1, 1897. (United States, Canada, in Europe and Africa for Europe) were 128,629,000 bushels, as compared with 160,425,000 bushels on Feb. 1, 1896; 181,419,000 on February 1, 1895; 183,927,000 on February 1, 1894; 178,088,000 on February 1, 1893; 155,803,000 on Feb. 1, 1892; 105,087,000 on February 1, 1891; 105,538,000 on February 1, 1890, and 119,459,000 on February 1, 1889.

## Winnipeg Board of Trade.

The council of the board of trade met yesterday afternoon. Among the correspondence read was a letter from Sir William Van Horne, in answer to the board's request as to passenger rates for members of the British association desirous of visiting the west, after the annual meeting in Toronto next August. The president of the Canadian Pacific Railway stated that a special rate would be given, but the quotation had not yet been decided upon; also that the company were desirous that members of the association taking the western trip should not go together, in a large body, but singly or in small parties, which would be better for themselves and the country.

The Navy League, Toronto branch, offered to supply the board with any data desired as to its objects, and asked the support of the board. Further information will be asked for.

The committee on the business men's convention reported as to the results of the convention, and the different resolutions passed at the meeting were arranged to be presented at their various destinations. It was decided to have the resolutions printed and forwarded to all members of parliament, provincial and Dominion and to business men throughout the country.

The council decided to again strongly urge on the Dominion minister of agriculture the necessity existing for an experimental farm in the Red River Valley. Correspondence had with the minister on this matter has been of an encouraging nature.

It was also decided to represent Hon. J. I. Tarte the extreme desirability of providing in the estimates a sufficient sum to permit of work being proceeded with on the Red River improvements.

D. W. Bole, A. M. Nanton and J. H. Ashdown were appointed a committee to take up the matter of the statistics of imports and exports of Manitoba appearing in the trade and navigation reports of Canada, that they may be presented in such a form as to secure for Manitoba a true statement of its trade in this direction.

John Cowles, wholesale butcher, Winnipeg, brought in a yearling steer in a load of cattle last week, which weighed 1,200 pounds. The calf was purchased from Premier Greenway, and was raised at his Crystal City farm. It was sold by Mr. Cowles to Kobold & Co., city butchers, and will be fed by them for exhibition at some future date. A yearling of such weight is certainly a remarkable animal.