

## Crop Reports.

The Northern Pacific Railway company's crop report, issued from the office of the general agent for the period ending May 14, reads as follows:

## Main Line.

**Morris**—The past week has been cold and cloudy, changing from small showers of rain to flurries of snow, but has not prevented seeding. There has been no frost to damage wheat to any extent.

**St. Jean**—Weather, for the past week, has been very cool, except past two days, which have been fine and warm, wheat looking fine, seeding of oats and barley going along very slowly.

**Levellier**—Wheat is all sown and ploughing for coarser grains done, about 75 per cent of oats, barley and flax are already seeded; weather during the week has been very unfavorable for seeding owing to high and cold winds, which farmers claim have done considerable damage, having in parts blown grain which had already taken root, right out of the ground, prevailing weather conditions, cool and dry and at present rain is needed.

**Emerson**—We have had three frosts since last report, but no damage is reported, weather has been cool and dry although grain is apparently growing very fast, farmers are just commencing to sow flax and barley; oat seeding is completed. Land is not suffering for lack of rain.

## Portage Branch.

**Ell**—Everything continues favorable in this vicinity for growing grain, having had two or three light showers since last report. Different parties who got an early start say their grain has a growth of from three to three and a half inches; others still ploughing, seeding of barley has just commenced, of which there will be about 1,000 acres seeded. Outlook reported favorable in every respect.

**Portage la Prairie**—Wheat growing nicely and all indications point to a big crop, about 40 per cent of oats sown. Weather during the past week cold with cold rains and light frosts, but not enough to damage growing crop.

**Oakland**—Wheat all sown and mostly up in good shape, oats and coarser grains are being put in rapidly. Weather cool and with a few light showers, making it favorable for growth, grass growing rapidly, vegetables not showing much growth yet.

**Beaver**—Wheat seeding is finished and all is nicely above ground. Weather is cool with a lot of light showers, which will do a lot of good to vegetation. None of the farmers as yet have any oats sown, while a year ago, nearly all the coarser grains were in the ground. Hay is going to be a splendid crop, the meadows being sufficiently wet for a good growth.

## Morris-Brandon Branch.

**Roland**—The cold wave of the past week has checked the progress of the new crop and vegetation in general, but it is considered by the most experienced farmers as the best thing that could happen to it at its present stage, causing it to take deeper root and stool out. The crop now covers the ground almost entirely and presents a very progressing appearance. Weather has been cold with high north to northwest winds with flurries of snow and a few cold showers.

**Miami**—The last week has been cold and windy, crops making but little growth and the grain sustained slight damage from winds during the week. Seeding of oats is generally about completed and ground for barley is being prepared and will all be ready in season, a good warm shower would do good in starting vegetation.

**Altamont**—During the past week the weather has been very cool, had a few showers of rain and on the 11th there was a light fall of snow; on the nights of the 10th and 11th, wheat was somewhat frozen but not enough to hurt it. In this vicinity, wheat is about all sprouted and above ground and by the end of the week, oats will all be sown so that with the exception of a few who intend sowing barley, the farmers here will be through seeding by the latter part of this week. There is plenty of feed for stock now as the grass has grown rapidly during the past two or three days.

**Somers**—Weather for the past week has been quite cold with showers of rain and has stopped the growth of wheat somewhat; wheat is now about six inches in height and looking fine.

**Swan Lake**—Wheat in this vicinity

is all sown; seeding of oats will be completed by the end of the week. On account of frosts and cold weather, there has not been much growth in the fields since last report. Grass continues to grow rapidly and there is more grass here now than there was a month later last year. If the weather is favorable, seeding will be finished in about ten days, weather now fine and warm, no damage from frost.

**Baldur**—Wheat seeding is now finished and a large portion of oats and barley is in the ground; weather has been cool with frequent showers, early sown wheat is growing nicely and from all appearances, there will be a good crop. Light frost during the week but no damage reported.

**Belmont**—Since last report the weather has been all that could be desired, cool with frequent showers which have soaked the ground well, and although we have had two rather heavy frosts, still no damage is reported, owing to cloudy and cool weather. Wheat seeding all completed and some farmers report all oats sown, there is considerable acreage to be sown in oats yet, the wheat that is up is looking well. The prevailing opinion is that from the way seed has been got in and from present conditions, we may look for a grand return.

**Hilton**—Crops are looking very good and grain is nicely above ground; wheat seeding is finished and farmers are now ploughing for oats and barley; weather has been very favorable; on 10th had several showers which will be of great benefit to growing grains. Have had some heavy frosts but have not heard of any damage being done.

**Wawanesa**—Weather has been very favorable for seeding, with the exception of one day when we had high strong winds and showers of rain, wheat seeding is pretty well finished and some farmers have started with the coarser grains. The soil and seed are in splendid condition, some fields showing a growth of two inches.

**Methven Junction**—Farmers are finishing ploughing for oats and barley; wheat is about all up and the first sown is looking fine, about two or three inches high and a nice healthy color. The past week has been rather unfavorable for rapid growth and some light frosts have discolored the tops of the blade in some places. Seeding of oats has started in some places.

**Mouthwaite**—Weather conditions favorable for seeding, some farmers have finished their wheat and nearly all will be through this week. Much of the first wheat sown is above ground and showing phenomenal growth.

**Brandon**—About 80 per cent. of wheat is sown in this district but no coarser grains as yet. Weather since last report has been very cool with some frost, grass doing well.

## Souris River Branch.

**Ninette**—Since last report weather has not been very favorable for growing grain, being too cold and windy, with some frost, but no damage reported. Wheat seeding is finished and farmers are busy sowing oats and preparing ground for barley, roots, etc. Quite a large percentage of wheat is up and looking healthy and strong. Gardening in full swing.

**Dunrea**—Crops are looking well, wheat in some places up fully four inches and growing rapidly, weather is very favorable; oats will be nearly all in this week and although seeding has been somewhat later than a year ago, it is expected that harvesting will be earlier than last season. Have had a few light frosts but not enough to injure the grain. Some of the oldest settlers say that they never saw the grain further advanced at this time.

**Minto**—Weather during the past week has been cloudy with cold winds and on the whole rather unfavorable; there was a slight frost on the night of the 11th but no damage reported; wheat crop in this district is about all sown and several inches above ground in places and looking fine. Farmers now sowing oats and barley.

**Elgin**—Wheat seeding is finished and oats, barley, etc., will be in by next week. During the past week there was a few days disagreeable weather, strong north winds accompanied with light frost on the 9th and 10th, but no damage to crops reported. There is plenty of moisture in the ground to keep grain growing for two or three weeks yet without any more rain and, with the present warm weather, it is progressing rapidly.

**Hartney**—Since last report weather has been cold with light frosts at

night but nothing to cause any damage, but growth has not been as rapid as during the preceding week. Wheat is now all in and farmers are ploughing for and sowing coarser grains.

## Ontario Crops.

**Toronto, May 15**—The crop report issued by the Ontario agricultural department says the fall wheat would be a most promising crop but for the damage done in southwestern Ontario by the Hessian fly. Every county south of the line, from Hamilton to Sarnia, is suffering severely. The long open falls of the past two years have been very favorable to the breeding of this pest.

Winter rye is being but little raised. Clover is in good condition. Vegetation is well advanced, more particularly in the eastern part of the province. All classes of live stock came through the winter in good condition. Fruit promises well. The orchards of Western Ontario having come through the winter in splendid condition. Spring seeding operations met with a severe set-back by a late fall of snow.

## Statistical Wheat Report.

## WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	306,000
Toronto	49,000
Coteau, Que.	77,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	123,000
Kingston	30,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,653,000
Winnipeg	380,000
Manitoba elevators	1,350,000

Total May 4 . . . . . 4,062,000  
Total previous week . . . . . 4,979,000  
Total a year ago . . . . . 8,903,000

## BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's May 4, were 60,238,000 bushels, as against 63,631,000 bushels for the previous week. Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 67,238,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on May 1 were 5,071,000 bushels.

## 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 11, was 40,000,000 bushels, being a decrease of 907,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 47,021,000 bushels, two years ago 26,023,000 bushels, three years ago 22,004,000 bushels, four years ago 22,757,000 bushels, five years ago 53,140,000 bushels.

## STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 11,449,000 bushels, compared with 7,246,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 17,320,000 bushels, compared with 16,175,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

**WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.**  
Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe May 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1901	143,000,000
1900	148,000,000
1899	117,000,000
1898	95,000,000
1897	107,000,000
1896	140,000,000
1895	172,000,000

## 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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	67,507,790	72,023,654
Winnipeg	8,056,523	9,677,792
Duluth	10,063,625	10,390,081
Chicago	39,008,059	21,754,825

Total . . . . . 131,236,997 150,046,357

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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	8,885,581	10,601,802
St. Louis	19,637,486	8,528,459
Indianapolis	2,909,157	3,537,107
Kansas City	34,371,017	13,805,540

Total . . . . . 65,812,238 36,472,908

**London, May 6**—The house of commons to-day adopted Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's export duty on coal.

The government has decided to grant an enquiry into the charges preferred by the Canadian Press Association that a combination exists among the paper manufacturers of the Dominion to unduly enhance the price of paper.

## Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices the week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 68½¢; No. 2, 67½¢; No. 3, 66½¢; No. 4, 65½¢; No. 5, 64½¢; No. 6, 63½¢; No. 7, 62½¢; No. 8, 61½¢; No. 9, 60½¢; No. 10, 59½¢; No. 11, 58½¢; No. 12, 57½¢; No. 13, 56½¢; No. 14, 55½¢; No. 15, 54½¢; No. 16, 53½¢; No. 17, 52½¢; No. 18, 51½¢; No. 19, 50½¢; No. 20, 49½¢; No. 21, 48½¢; No. 22, 47½¢; No. 23, 46½¢; No. 24, 45½¢; No. 25, 44½¢; No. 26, 43½¢; No. 27, 42½¢; No. 28, 41½¢; No. 29, 40½¢; No. 30, 39½¢; No. 31, 38½¢; No. 32, 37½¢; No. 33, 36½¢; No. 34, 35½¢; No. 35, 34½¢; No. 36, 33½¢; No. 37, 32½¢; No. 38, 31½¢; No. 39, 30½¢; No. 40, 29½¢; No. 41, 28½¢; No. 42, 27½¢; No. 43, 26½¢; No. 44, 25½¢; No. 45, 24½¢; No. 46, 23½¢; No. 47, 22½¢; No. 48, 21½¢; No. 49, 20½¢; No. 50, 19½¢; No. 51, 18½¢; No. 52, 17½¢; No. 53, 16½¢; No. 54, 15½¢; No. 55, 14½¢; No. 56, 13½¢; No. 57, 12½¢; No. 58, 11½¢; No. 59, 10½¢; No. 60, 9½¢; No. 61, 8½¢; No. 62, 7½¢; No. 63, 6½¢; No. 64, 5½¢; No. 65, 4½¢; No. 66, 3½¢; No. 67, 2½¢; No. 68, 1½¢; No. 69, ½¢; No. 70, 0¢.

The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo was opened on the 1st inst. It is altogether probable that a large number of people will visit Buffalo during the next six months, as it is confidently believed, that no other exposition thus far has had such a general representation of the resources of all the Americans as is to be viewed at Buffalo. The natural attractions of the vicinity are also very fine, including the Niagara Falls.



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