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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

## Manitoba.

Horace F. Forrest, of the Union bank, Winnipeg, will have charge of the new branch of the Union which has been opened at Deloraine.

The buildings and stock of general merchandise of Robt. Hastie, of Poplar Point, will be offered for sale in Winnipeg, by auction, on Feb. 16.

At Neepawa on Feb. 10, fire started in W. W. Stevenson's store, burned the store and residence in connection therewith, and also the pool room of P. McDonald, and the McCormick implement warehouse, occupied by Geo. Dinwoody. Stevenson had \$4,000 insurance on stock, which was a total loss, and was valued at \$6,500. The store occupied by Stevenson was owned by Mrs. C. H. Mathers and was insured for \$2,000; valued at \$5,000. Dinwoody had \$800 insurance on implements, valued at \$1,200, part of which were saved.

## Alberta.

The following weather report showing the highest and lowest reading of the thermometer at MacLeod for a week, will indicate the condition of the weather in the range country. The dash preceding the figures indicates below zero:

	Max.	Min.
Jan. 30.....	36	-11
" 31.....	40	28
Feb. 1.....	45	24
" 2.....	45	19
" 3.....	44	29
" 4.....	46	26
" 5.....	46	10

## Assiniboia.

A. McKaig, blacksmith, Ellisboro, who went east on a visit, is unable to return, and this leaves a good opening for a blacksmith at that place.

C. J. Rosborough & Co., lumber dealers, Grenfell, have dissolved partnership. C. J. Rosborough will continue the business.

At Montreal on Feb. 5, prices for eggs made a further decline of 3c to 1c per dozen to 18c to 20c for new laid, and cold storage, 11c to 12c.

## Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Feb. 6, 1897, shows a decrease of 1,706,000 bushels, against a decrease of 615,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,031,000 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 ..	69,842,000	87,689,000	79,953,000	81,798,000
" 11 ..	69,945,000	88,615,000	80,453,000	82,980,000
" 18 ..	67,938,000	85,258,000	80,582,000	82,227,000
" 25 ..	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,234,000	81,437,000
Feb. 1 ..	68,734,000	83,376,000	79,893,000	81,390,000
" 8 ..	68,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15 ..	65,626,000	80,733,000	78,607,000	80,314,000
" 22 ..	65,011,000	79,470,000	77,257,000	79,413,000
March 1 ..	64,089,000	78,761,000	76,669,000	79,088,000
" 8 ..	62,698,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	79,103,000
" 15 ..	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,310,000	79,010,000
" 22 ..	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,103,000	78,208,000
" 29 ..	61,048,100	74,308,000	71,468,000	77,614,000
April 4 ..	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,782,000	77,203,000
" 11 ..	59,330,000	70,497,000	69,217,000	76,006,000
" 18 ..	58,433,000	68,628,000	67,425,000	74,809,000
" 25 ..	57,940,000	65,770,000	66,543,000	75,027,000
May 2 ..	55,519,000	62,198,000	65,168,000	73,009,000
" 9 ..	54,000,000	60,623,000	63,510,000	72,632,000
" 16 ..	53,146,000	60,481,000	62,044,000	71,528,000
" 23 ..	51,298,000	54,244,000	61,299,000	70,169,000
" 30 ..	50,340,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,387,000
June 6 ..	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,211,000	68,662,000
" 13 ..	49,486,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	66,376,000
" 20 ..	48,810,000	46,225,000	55,552,000	63,081,000
" 27 ..	47,860,000	44,661,000	54,657,000	62,316,000
July 4 ..	47,199,000	43,350,000	54,114,000	61,310,000
" 11 ..	47,220,000	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,325,000
" 18 ..	46,743,000	40,483,000	52,771,000	58,903,000
" 25 ..	47,142,000	39,220,000	51,444,000	59,349,000
Aug. 1 ..	46,734,000	38,517,000	50,001,000	59,424,000
" 8 ..	46,429,000	37,530,000	49,321,000	58,860,000
" 15 ..	45,876,000	36,892,000	48,901,000	57,312,000
" 22 ..	45,189,000	35,488,000	47,771,000	56,240,000
" 29 ..	45,674,000	35,433,000	46,949,000	56,831,000
Sept. 5 ..	46,405,000	35,754,000	46,105,000	56,140,000
" 12 ..	47,602,000	38,002,000	46,214,000	57,331,000
" 19 ..	49,655,000	39,385,000	46,189,000	58,603,000
" 26 ..	48,716,000	40,708,000	47,412,000	60,628,000
Oct. 3 ..	50,116,000	41,832,000	47,014,000	62,275,000
" 10 ..	51,434,000	44,481,000	47,074,000	65,239,000
" 17 ..	54,808,000	48,109,000	47,650,000	66,078,000
" 24 ..	57,285,000	50,486,000	47,100,000	66,327,000
" 31 ..	68,030,000	52,990,000	47,027,000	71,306,000
Nov. 7 ..	60,013,000	56,939,000	47,329,000	74,052,000
" 14 ..	61,003,000	60,328,000	47,322,000	76,753,000
" 21 ..	59,971,000	62,221,000	48,914,000	77,233,000
" 28 ..	58,914,000	63,903,000	48,159,000	78,091,000
Dec 5 ..	56,312,000	63,788,000	48,975,000	78,733,000
" 12 ..	54,284,000	66,634,000	48,172,000	80,128,000
" 19 ..	55,183,000	69,308,000	49,071,000	80,624,000
" 26 ..	54,433,000	69,438,000	48,561,000	80,238,000
	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Jan. 2 ..	54,031,000	69,812,000	67,830,000	79,953,000
" 9 ..	63,672,000	69,945,000	68,616,000	80,453,000
" 16 ..	62,450,000	67,983,000	65,530,000	80,582,000
" 23 ..	61,293,000	67,623,000	64,665,000	80,234,000
" 30 ..	49,591,000	66,734,000	63,376,000	79,893,000
Feb. 6 ..	47,835,000	66,110,000	62,322,000	79,660,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on Jan. 30, is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	446,000
Toronto.....	207,000
Kingston.....	20,000
Winnipeg.....	267,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,410,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,836,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on January 30, 1897:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	68,092,000
Pacific Coast.....	3,005,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	97,592,000
Pacific Coast.....	5,889,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Feb. 6, shows a decrease of 1,891,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 66,201,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks of wheat on February 1, 1897. (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat 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; 189,927,000 on February 1, 1894; 178,088,000 on February 1, 1893; 155,808,000 on Feb. 1, 1892; 105,087,000 on February 1, 1891; 105,588,000 on February 1, 1890, and 119,459,000 on February 1, 1889.

## Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Jan. 9.	Jan. 16.	Jan. 23.	Jan. 30.	Feb. 6.
Extra Man. H'd	4	7	0	0	0
No. 1 hard....	51	35	28	67	54
No. 2 hard....	19	5	10	12	6
No. 3 hard....	16	6	5	11	4
No. 1 North'n..	1	0	1	1	0
No. 2 North'n..	0	0	1	0	0
No. 3 North'n..	0	0	1	1	0
No. 1 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring...	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 Spring...	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted..	4	7	3	1	0
No. 2 frosted..	2	6	3	5	7
No. 3 frosted..	2	0	3	0	1
No. 1 Rejected.	2	2	3	2	6
No. 2 Rejected.	0	1	0	1	0
No Grade.....	1	1	0	0	0
Feed.....	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	103	70	57	101	78
Same week last year.....	175	175	107	218	305

\*Wheat inspection at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

## Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—About 48c to 50c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, 63½ to 64c afloat Fort William.

Flour.—Local price, per sack. Patents, \$1.85 to \$1.90; Bakers, \$1.65 to \$1.70.

Bran.—Per ton, \$9.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$11.

Oats.—Per bushel, Winnipeg street price, 16 to 17c. Car lots at country points, 12 to 14c.

Barley —Selling at 17c for feed, car lots at country points worth 14c to 16c.

Flax Seed.—60 to farmers at country points.

Butter.—Dairy round lots, choice, 12c to 14c.

Cheese.—Jobbing price 9½ to 11c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 18c to 19c net price.

Beef.—City dressed, 5 to 6c, unfrozen; country frozen, 8½ to 4½c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 6 to 6½c, country do, 5 to 5½c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5½c.

Cattle.—Nominal at 2½ to 3½c. for butchers' stock.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.

Sheep.—Sheep nominal at 3 to 3½c off cars.

Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 8 to 9c lb; turkeys, 10 to 11c; ducks, 9c, geese, 10c.

Hides.—Green frozen, 4½c.

A proclamation is published in the Dominion official Gazette proroguing parliament to March 11,