

Winnipeg Markets A Year ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William May, 65 to 66c.
 Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.85; Bakers, \$1.65.
 Bran.—Per ton, \$11.
 Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.
 Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 27½ to 28c.
 Barley.—Per bushel, feed 32 to 38c, cars.
 Flax Seed.—95c to \$1.
 Butter.—Round lots country dairy 12 to 18c.
 Cheese.—Small lots 11c.
 Eggs.—Fresh, 15 to 16c round lots.
 Beef.—Frozen country, per lb., 8 to 4c, unfrozen butchers, 5½ to 6c.
 Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5 to 6c.
 Hogs.—Dressed, 4 to 4½c.
 Cattle.—Butchers, 2½ to 3c.
 Hogs.—Live, off cars, 8½c.
 Sheep.—\$3.00 per 100 pounds.
 Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.
 Poultry—Chickens, 5c, turkeys, 9 to 10c, geese, 7 to 8c, ducks 6c.
 Hides.—Frozen Hides, 8 to 8½c.
 Potatoes.—40 to 45c per bushel.
 Hay.—\$4.00 per ton, car lots.

Wheat Stocks:

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Feb. 1, 1896, shows a decrease of 789,000 bushels, against a decrease of 1,289,000 for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 401,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 97,000 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	80,223,000	81,238,000	46,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,876,000	79,868,000	81,392,000	43,181,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,088,000	41,558,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,654,000	41,038,000
May 6...	62,106,000	65,156,000	75,089,000	38,190,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,894,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
July 1...	41,611,000	54,657,000	62,916,000	24,282,000
Aug. 8...	38,517,000	60,011,000	59,424,000	29,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,784,000	69,165,000	56,110,000	23,762,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	69,276,000	51,256,000
Nov. 4...	62,990,000	80,047,000	71,389,000	81,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,003,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,680,000
	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,850,000	79,953,000	81,788,000
" 11...	68,945,000	89,616,000	80,435,000	82,080,000
" 18...	67,928,000	85,256,000	80,882,000	82,327,000
" 25...	67,623,000	81,695,000	80,234,000	81,457,000
Feb. 1...	66,731,000	83,876,000	79,868,000	81,890,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on January 27 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	258,000
Toronto.....	26,000
Kingston.....	20,000
Winnipeg.....	830,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,850,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	8,915,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on January 27, 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	98,486,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,276,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	108,520,000
Pacific Coast.....	

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Feb. 1, shows a decrease of 844,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 97,592,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks on January 1 1896 United States, Canada, in Europe and abroad for Europe) were 169,978,000 bushels, which is nearly 15,000,000 bushels less than the corresponding total one year ago, more than 20,000,000 bushels less than were so held two years ago, nearly 18,000,000 bushels less than three years ago but nearly 14,000,000 bushels more than were so held on January 1, 1892. 58,000,000 bushels more than on January 1, 1891, and about 55,000,000 bushels more than on January 1, 1890.

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. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25.	Feb. 1
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	17	27	34	18	62
No. 2 hard.....	20	34	32	16	20
No. 3 hard.....	16	18	32	15	23
No. 1 North'n.....	5	6	6	7	9
No. 2 North'n.....	2	2	0	3	5
No. 3 North'n.....	0	1	0	1	1
No. 1 white fyle	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white fyle	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	4	0	0	0	2
No. 2 Spring.....	0	1	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted.....	17	16	13	7	25
No. 2 frosted.....	0	16	9	4	11
No. 3 Frosted.....	0	0	2	3	3
No. 1 Rejected.....	6	10	11	10	15
No. 2 Rejected.....	16	43	32	18	45
No Grade.....	1	0	1	0	0
Feed.....	6	1	3	5	7
Total.....	130	175	175	107	218
Same week last year.....	66	31	51	30	30

Oats.—For week ended Feb. 1—No. 1 white, 1; No. 2 white, 21; No. 3 white, 0; No. 2 black, 0; No. 2 mixed 16, feed, 5; total, 48.

Barley.—For week ended Feb. 1—No. 2, 2; No. 3, 2; feed, 0; total, 4.

*Wheat inspected 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 Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending February 6 were \$1,066,228; balances, \$209,831. For the previous week clearings were \$838,057. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$790,687, and for the week two years ago, \$1,001,840. For the month of January clearings were \$1,937,200 as compared with \$1,067,403 for January, 1895, and \$1,318,326 for January, 1894.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Jan. 30.
Montreal.....	\$ 9,805,141
Toronto.....	6,238,078
Halifax.....	1,001,562
Winnipeg.....	888,057
Hamilton.....	557,812
Total.....	\$17,990,150

Manitoba Legislature.

The first session of the ninth legislature of Manitoba was opened at Winnipeg on Thursday afternoon.

Governor Patterson read the address, which is summarized as follows:

The harvest of the past season has been the most abundant in the history of the province since its settlement, and no doubt will go very far towards lessening the financial stringency which has affected our people during the last two years. The value of such products at the point of production as compared with the cost of conveying them to the

markets of the world, emphasizes the fact that the freight rates upon out-going grain are most exorbitant, and any relief which can be obtained from such rates will be eagerly welcomed.

A copy of the order-in-council, embodying the views and policy of my government upon this question (the schools), will shortly be laid before you.

A consideration of the estimates in the light of the knowledge which you possess of the requirements of the province and the increasing responsibilities of government will show very clearly that the revenue of the province is inadequate to supply its wants, the impossibility of meeting the just demands upon my government for needed public services without largely exceeding the revenue is a subject which demands your most earnest consideration.

You will be asked to consider among others an act respecting sales of goods, an act to amend the liquor license act, an act respecting life insurance agents, and an act to amend the Queen's Bench act, 1895.

The foreign relations of the motherland have recently proved of an exciting and menacing character. The people of this province join with the rest of the Dominion in declaring their unswerving loyalty to the Empire.

New Wholesale Stationery Business.

Love, McAllister & Co. is the style of the new wholesale stationery firm which starts business in Winnipeg on March 1st, in the Mitchell block, 178 McDermott Ave. John Love is a practical stationer. He represented the firm of Parsons, Bell & Co. on the road for a number of years previous to their amalgamation with O'Loughlin Bros. & Co., and since then he has been connected with the Consolidated Stationery Co. J. E. McAllister was formerly connected with the Winnipeg branch of Hodgson-Sumner & Co's, but later has been with the same firm as Mr. Love. They have both therefore had extended experience in the wholesale trade in general and the stationery trade in particular. J. Riley who joins them was formerly in the grain business at Cypress, River, Man., but latterly has had his office in the Grain Exchange here; he will assume the office duties. The new firm purposes carrying a full line of stationery goods in Winnipeg, and the handsome and commodious premises which they have secured, are well adapted to their business.

Insurance and Financial Notes.

An order was made by Justice Bain, at Winnipeg, on Thursday, in the matter of the winding up of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba calling upon the shareholders of the bank to pay up the fifty per cent. balances of their double liability on stock which they hold in the concern. This is the second call of 50 per cent on the shareholders, thus making the full amount to which they are liable under the banking act. In the instances of shareholders who have failed to meet the previous calls the order is imperative as to their doing so forthwith.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express, of February 8, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheats have been 6d dearer and foreign is higher. California on passage having been quoted at 28s, and Oregon at 28s 9d. Flour has been 6d higher, with California in special demand. To-day English and foreign wheats maintained the advance. American flour was 6d up.

The output of the Kootenay Smelter is now \$10,000 a day. By spring it will be doubled. Canada should coin gold and silver.