

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Dec. 21, 1895, shows an increase of 2,591,000 bushels, against an increase of 809,000 for the corresponding week last year and a decrease of 104,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 1,514,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat on the dates named 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...	89,681,000	80,223,000	81,238,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,378,000	79,863,000	81,391,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,088,000	41,656,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,468,000	77,051,000	41,038,000
" 8...	72,703,000	70,702,000	77,291,000	41,177,000
" 15...	70,187,000	69,217,000	70,096,000	42,055,000
" 22...	68,626,000	68,425,000	74,869,000	39,149,000
" 29...	65,778,000	65,573,000	75,027,000	37,930,000
May, 6...	62,196,000	65,180,000	73,689,000	36,100,000
" 13...	59,023,000	63,110,000	72,632,000	35,100,000
" 20...	56,484,000	62,044,000	71,392,000	30,937,000
" 27...	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000	29,622,000
June 3...	52,229,000	60,394,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
" 10...	49,739,000	58,211,000	63,662,000	26,950,000
" 17...	47,717,000	57,005,000	60,376,000	21,006,000
" 24...	46,225,000	55,872,000	63,031,000	24,501,000
July 1...	41,61,000	54,637,000	62,310,000	24,202,000
" 8...	43,230,000	51,114,000	61,890,000	23,130,000
" 15...	41,237,000	53,154,000	59,828,000	22,439,000
" 22...	40,487,000	53,771,000	58,901,000	23,068,000
" 29...	39,233,000	57,144,000	59,310,000	23,931,000
Aug. 5...	38,517,000	61,000,000	59,124,000	26,079,000
" 12...	37,839,000	62,321,000	58,569,000	23,230,000
" 19...	36,892,000	63,900,000	57,812,000	31,776,000
" 26...	31,033,000	61,771,000	57,210,000	31,950,000
" 31...	35,138,000	66,949,000	56,881,000	33,369,000
Sept. 7...	30,754,000	60,168,000	56,140,000	33,769,000
" 14...	33,090,000	66,214,000	57,331,000	41,411,000
" 21...	39,335,000	70,159,000	58,633,000	41,957,000
" 28...	40,768,000	71,413,000	60,528,000	49,901,000
Oct. 5...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,273,000	51,258,000
" 12...	41,431,000	75,074,000	63,139,000	55,040,000
" 19...	46,190,000	78,639,000	66,978,000	59,402,000
" 26...	50,480,000	78,193,000	69,327,000	61,631,000
Nov. 2...	51,940,000	80,017,000	71,390,000	61,717,000
" 9...	56,938,000	81,240,000	74,032,000	61,303,000
" 16...	60,360,000	82,300,000	76,763,000	69,538,000
" 23...	62,221,000	83,961,000	77,293,000	70,765,000
Dec. 2...	63,003,000	81,179,000	78,691,000	72,680,000
" 9...	61,736,000	81,993,000	78,783,000	75,670,000
" 16...	66,834,000	83,192,000	81,128,000	76,300,000
" 23...	66,393,000	89,001,000	80,421,000	79,311,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on December 16 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	216,000
Toronto.....	55,000
Kingston.....	60,000
Winnipeg.....	180,000
Manitoba elevators.....	1,978,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,423,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on December 16, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	92,396,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,276,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	111,897,000
Pacific Coast.....	

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Dec. 16, shows an increase of 4,471,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 92,396,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stock on December 1, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 161,348,000 bushels, compared with 181,610,000 bushels a year ago, 190,386,000 bushels two years ago, 175,814,000 bushels three years ago, 157,718,000 bushels four years ago, 107,639,000 bushels five years ago, and 117,255,000 bushels six years ago.

McNeill & Mills, butchers, Victoria, have dissolved, J. D. McNeill continues,

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.	Nov. 16	Nov. 23.	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec 14
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	74	51	45	61	68
No. 2 hard.....	21	25	38	37	70
No. 3 hard.....	39	28	42	32	51
No. 1 North'n.....	20	9	10	8	10
No. 2 North'n.....	0	3	4	2	4
No. 3 North'n.....	0	1	0	0	0
No. 1 white type.....	0	0	0	0	1
No. 2 white type.....	2	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	3	3	1	3	4
No. 2 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 1st d.....	84	21	21	31	41
No. 2 1st d.....	11	11	9	8	20
No. 3 1st d.....	1	0	0	2	0
No. 1 Rejected.....	14	12	17	9	14
No. 2 Rejected.....	84	01	47	48	73
No. 3 Rejected.....	1	0	0	0	0
Feed.....	2	1	0	1	3
Total.....	376	227	293	251	357
Same week last year.....	235	176	148	99	120

Oats—No. 1 white, 11; No. 2 white, 21; No. 2 mixed, 9; No. 2 black, 2; feed, 10; total, 56. Barley—No. 3, 2; feed 10; total, 6.

*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 Markets A Year ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William December. 68 and 45 to 60c to farmers, Manitoba country points.

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

Bran.—Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 25 to 27c.

Barley.—Per bushel, feed 28c to 31c.

Flax Seed.—95c to \$1.

Butter.—Round lots country dairy 12 to 16c.

Cheese.—Small lots 11 to 11½c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 14, to 16c round lots.

Beef.—Frozen country, per lb., 3 to 4½c, best butchers, 5 to 5½c.

Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5 to 6c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 4½ to 5c.

Cattle.—Butchers, 2½ to 3c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 3½ to 3¾c.

Sheep.—\$2.25 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds.

Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.

Poultry.—Chickens, 6 to 7c, turkeys, 9 to 11c, geese, 7 to 8c, ducks 7 to 8c.

Hides.—Frozen Hides, 2½ to 2¾c.

Potatoes.—40 to 45c per bushel.

Hay.—\$1.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending December 26, were \$1,191,060; balances, \$215,003. For the previous week clearings were \$1,453,703. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$961,591, and for the week, two years ago, \$992,936. For the month of November clearings were \$8,503,272, as compared with \$6,607,498 for November last year.

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

	Dec. 19.	Dec. 12.
Montreal.....	\$11,968,976	\$18,231,920
Toronto.....	7,605,779	7,922,817
Halifax.....	1,400,377	1,184,486
Winnipeg.....	1,459,708	1,756,624
Hamilton.....	775,570	792,431
Total.....	\$23,204,410	\$24,688,278

An Honest Man.

A Winnipeg gentleman who was at one time a lumber dealer here, received a pleasant Christmas present on Tuesday. About eight years ago he filled an order for \$750 worth of lumber for a then well-to-do Winnipegger. The purchaser met with reverses shortly after building his house in which the lumber had been used, and left the country. Before doing so, however, he told the merchant that he would pay for the lumber some time, he did not know when, but it would come. The merchant retired from the business, and directed his energies in another direction. Years ago he gave up any hope of ever having his \$750 debt paid up, and put it among his bad accounts, finally forgetting all about it. He was pleasantly reminded of it on Tuesday last, when he received a draft from San Francisco for \$1,800, the principal of the debt, with interest at 8 per cent up to date. The honest debtor had gauged the sending so that it would come as a Christmas box—and a most welcome one it was.

The Proposed Dairy Exchange.

As recommended by The Commercial, a move has been made to organize the proposed dairy produce exchange in connection with the Winnipeg grain exchange. A meeting of the council of the grain exchange was held on Friday to discuss the matter. Opinion seemed to favor the belief that a dairy branch could be formed to deal in dairy products, just as grain is now handled, and to have an inspector of dairy goods appointed under the general inspection act, whose powers regarding inspection should be exactly similar to those conferred on the inspector of grain.

On motion of Mr. Bawlf, seconded by Mr. Scott, it was decided to call a meeting to be held on Thursday evening, January 9th, at 8 o'clock and to invite the attendance of all those who handle butter and cheese, also the manufacturers of these products throughout the country and all others interested, for an exchange of views on the points under consideration at this preliminary meeting.

A New York paper says: "Currants are in a strong position and the tendency of the market is upward, owing partly to the uncertainty of the outcome of the California case and partly to the non-arrival of the Thetis with 2,000 tons. Prunes are quiet and rather easy on the spot."

The January number of the Delineator is called the winter holiday number. The fashion articles for the month are timely and complete, covering the entire field of styles for ladies, misses, and children. The rich holiday display in the shops is interestingly described. Mrs. Roger A. Pryor's article on the social code relates to society balls and parties for children. The space devoted to woman's work and advancement includes a thoughtful conversation between Edith M. Thomas and Dr. S. R. Elliott on women in business, an interesting paper by Miss Margaret McNaughton discussing architecture as a profession for women, a graphic description by Lucia M. Robbins, of women's work at the Atlantic Exposition, Harriet Keith Forbes directions for burnt decorations upon cardboard, and the continuation of Sara Miller Kirby's Kindergarten articles, the first of a brief series of papers on the care of the teeth, will be found valuable. A. B. Longstreet describes the carving of meats. In Mrs. Witherspoon's tea-table gossip are noted some new home-made holiday gifts. The novelties in knitting, tatting, crocheting and lace-making are illustrated described. Subscription price of the Delineator \$1.00 per year. The Delineator Publishing Co., 33 Richmond St., West, Toronto.