

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended June 6, 1893, shows a decrease of 193,000 bushels, against a decrease of 2,490,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,183,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 1,705,000 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...	88,581,000	80,223,000	81,218,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,883,000	81,393,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,083,000	41,550,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,459,000	77,651,000	41,036,000
May 6...	62,106,000	65,168,000	73,069,000	38,190,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,030,000	27,910,000
July 1...	41,561,000	54,057,000	62,318,000	24,262,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	50,001,000	59,121,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,781,000	59,103,000	58,140,000	33,780,051
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000	51,256,000
Nov. 4...	52,930,000	80,017,000	71,396,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,003,000	83,179,000	78,091,000	72,580,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,826,000	79,933,000	81,786,000
" 11...	63,945,000	80,615,000	80,433,000	87,030,000
" 18...	67,928,000	85,236,000	81,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,685,000	80,234,000	81,437,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,374,000	79,843,000	81,390,000
" 8...	66,110,000	82,322,000	79,646,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,926,000	80,733,000	78,607,000	81,214,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,141,000
March 1...	64,089,000	78,761,000	76,569,000	78,081,000
" 7...	62,696,000	77,717,000	74,697,000	74,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,873,000	73,359,000	73,910,000
" 21...	61,348,000	76,773,000	72,163,000	73,203,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,808,000	71,400,000	72,634,000
April 4...	60,322,000	74,703,000	70,762,000	71,293,000
" 11...	59,350,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	70,666,000
" 18...	59,453,000	68,636,000	68,425,000	70,369,000
" 25...	57,946,000	65,776,000	66,533,000	75,027,000
May 2...	55,819,000	62,196,000	65,158,000	73,009,000
" 9...	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	71,632,000
" 16...	51,146,000	56,476,000	62,044,000	71,528,000
" 23...	51,285,000	54,244,000	61,339,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,340,000	52,219,000	59,594,000	70,307,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,214,000	63,062,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on May 30 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	461,000
Toronto.....	61,000
Kingston.....	40,000
Winnipeg.....	236,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,250,000
Fort William, Fort Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,340,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on May 30 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	68,773,000
Pacific Coast.....	2,556,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	64,875,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,445,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended June 6, shows a decrease of 1,851,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 66,919,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on June 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and Africa for Europe) were 117,969,000 bushels, as compared with 141,476,000 bushels on June 1, 1895, 160,892,000 bushels on June 1, 1894, 167,138,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 120,170,000 bushels on June 1, 1892, and with smaller totals on June 1 in preceding years.

Joyner & Elkington, of the Fort Qu'Appelle flour mill, have secured a number of Indian department contracts for flour for agencies in the Territories.

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Dairy Trade Notes.

The Commercial has been favored with a bulletin from the Ontario Department of Agriculture, dealing with experiments in cheese making, carried on at the Ontario agricultural farm. The bulletin deals with the relation of fat in milk to quantity and quality of cheese produced, effect of salt, temperature, rennet and acid in cheesemaking, etc. The pamphlet is a very interesting and useful one to practical cheese-makers.

At the cheese market at Woodstock, Ont., on June 4, cheese advanced, the offerings selling rapidly at 6½c. With water and pasture at its best, says the report, the make is now as large as it will be this season, and as a well-known dairyman stated: "Every maker ought to turn out the finest goods now; he has everything in his favor." The board, with one exception, was cleared in twenty minutes, the ruling price for both white and colored being 6½c.

Financial and Insurance Items

The Commercial has received a neat little reminder from the New York Life that that company is always ready for business, in the shape of a box of fine quality lead pencils, which will do good work in The Commercial sanctum for some time. Some figures printed on the box, show the enormous amounts which figure in the financial statement of the New York Life.

The town of Selkirk, Man., had a severe visitation from fire on Saturday, June 7. The fire started in a small stable near the Lisgar house, following is a list of the losses and insurance: J. Wilson, teamster, residence, contents saved, but the building is a total loss; no insurance. M. O'Donohue, stables, total loss, value \$2,000; insurance in the Queen's for \$1,000; contents partly saved. T. O'Grady, butcher, shop and stable burned; value \$1,000; insured in the Western for \$550; contents saved. J. Vess, blacksmith shop and stable, value \$500; no insurance; total loss. Reuben Comber, butcher, slaughterhouse and stables destroyed, value \$1,000; no insurance. R. Beal, carriage maker, dwelling and shop, value \$2,000; insurance \$1,000. Mr. Beal also lost four valuable horses. Selkirk Record newspaper office and plant, value \$1,500; total loss, no insurance. W. McDonald, blacksmith and carriage shop, value \$1,000, total loss, no insurance. F. W. Hooker, dwelling and stables, loss \$1,500, no insurance, policy having expired one week ago. R. W. Stewart, dwelling, contents saved; house a total loss, no insurance; house owned by J. S. Craig, Carman. W. Moore, dwelling, total loss. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from the carelessness of a man in his stable with a lantern.

Literary Notes

Current History begins its seventh year with an unusually fine number of 250 pages. In every quality that has marked this unique quarterly since the beginning of its career, the same high standard is maintained. As a handbook of information on all current questions in politics, international relations, science, etc., it is indispensable to every one who wishes to post himself on any topic. It is not confined in its review to United States matters, but covers the world; it is not a mere collection of clippings, but a carefully digested review in which the lost threads of incidents, facts, dates, names, etc., are woven into the framework of a complete, connected and very readable story. It is cheap, being aimed to reach even those already well supplied with periodical reading matter, who will find it an addition to their library, which, once known, they will not care to do without. It is a veritable history of the world, brought up to date, authentic, reliable, the product of ripened experience and intelligence. The present number (1st quarter, 1896) opens with an exhaustive account of the discovery of X rays by Prof. Rontgen (portrait) setting forth all that is known regarding the new phenomena, the highest scientific opinions as to the bearing of the discovery upon accepted hypotheses, and its utility as applied to surgery, metallurgy, etc. This article illustrated with drawings and photographs of apparatus, etc., is alone worth the price of the entire book. Among other prominent topics exhaustively reviewed, are the Venezuelan controversy; Cuban revolt; Crises in the Transvaal, and its significance; Abyssinian and Sudan Campaigns; Armenian question; Crisis in the Salvation Army; The Near-Eastern and Far-Eastern political situations; the work of Congress; the Bond Sale, Tariff and Reciprocity; Greater New York; the Raines Liquor law; Manitoba School question and Canadian politics; the political, educational, and trade problems of the British Empire; the French and Italian crises; Geographical explanation; progress of Science, Art, Education, Music, Drama, Religion; and full biographical sketches of prominent persons who have died. There are sixty-five illustrations, portraits, maps, etc. Buffalo, New York: Garrison Cox & Co. publishers. Sample 10 cents.

Alberta.

At the recent annual meeting of the Calgary board of trade, the following officers were elected:—A. McBride, president; T. Stone, vice-president; I. S. G. Vanvart, secretary; and M. Morris, treasurer. A council of seven members will be elected at an adjourned meeting. The secretary and treasurer have been asked to call on Calgary business men and invite them to become members.