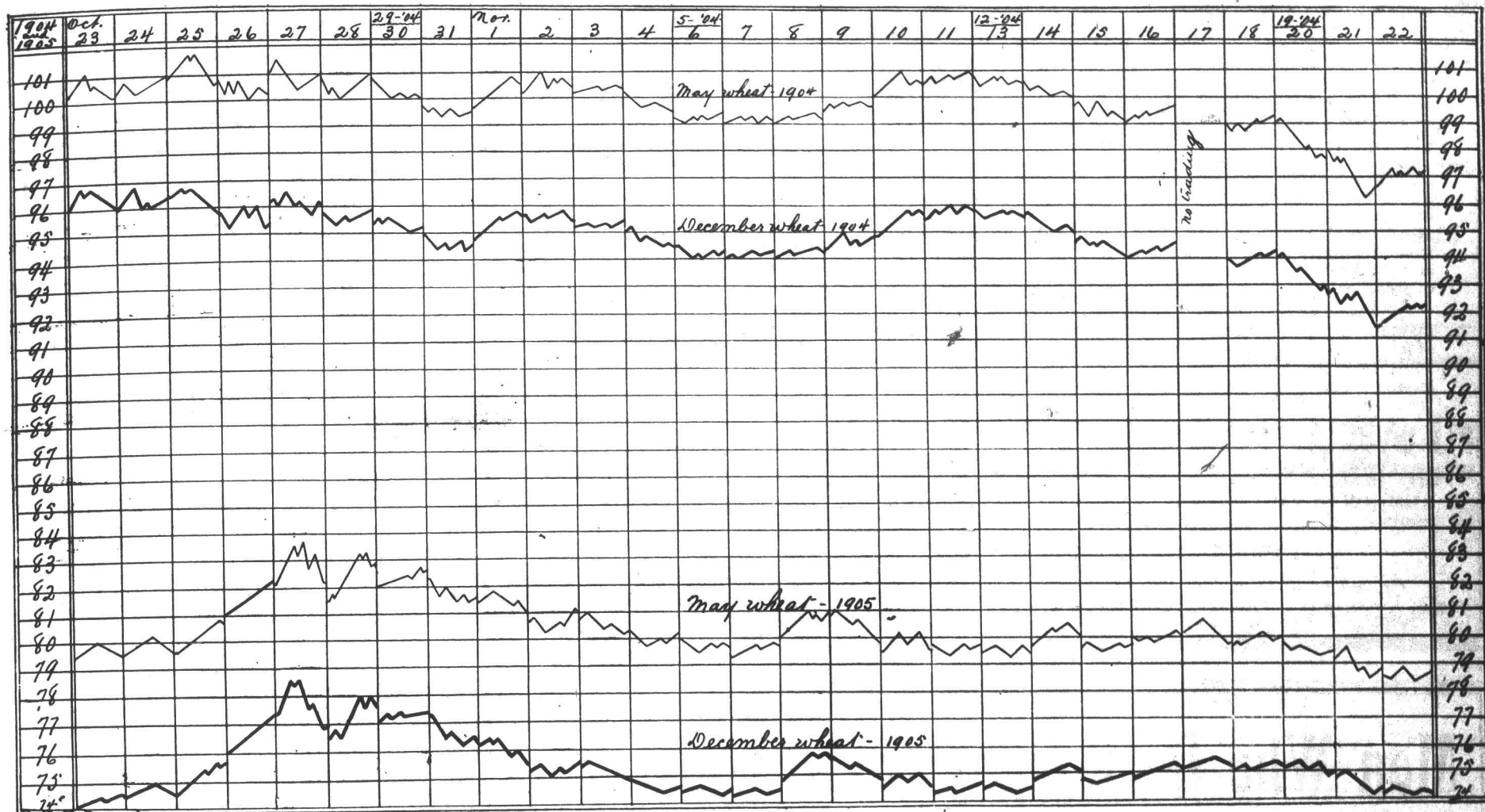


Comparative Chart of Manitoba Wheat Prices

Supplied by Bruce McBean & Co., Winnipeg Grain Exchange, for Month ending November 22nd, 1905.



WHEAT NOTES.

Current Comment Gathered from many Sources.

A careful study of the foregoing grain chart will be of interest to every grain farmer. The zig-zag lines on the chart tell a whole story of the fluctuation in the prices.

Figures innumerable would be required to convey the information given in the chart, and if given would not be so clearly understood.

A Milling Test for Fall Wheat.

The growing of fall wheat promises to succeed the ranching business in some parts of the Province of Alberta. A live question there, is what variety of fall wheat is most profitable to raise.

It would appear that this is a matter which should receive considerable attention from the Hon. Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa. The time may not be far distant when the Government will establish a farm for experimental purposes in the Western Province of Alberta.

Fall wheat growing is a large and increasing industry, and it is due to the producers that they be not handicapped in the markets by growing the less suitable varieties through want of proper knowledge of comparative values.

Many thousands of dollars annually could very easily be lost to growers of fall wheat from lack of knowledge of the suitability of the different varieties for milling purposes. The Government might also get in communication with the milling companies and ascertain what varieties are most profitable from a milling point of view.

More Cars Needed.

The threatened wheat blockade for want of greater elevator capacity should spur the management of our railroads to secure more cars for the handling of the crop. Notwithstanding the claims of our railroad magnates that sufficient grain

cars are available, we are hearing constant denials to these claims from the farmers of this country. An adequate amount of rolling stock is imperative to meet the requirements of the farmers of the West. It is gratifying to hear that the C. N. R. are placing a large order for additional rolling stock to be constructed right away.

That railroad is now an important factor in the grain-carrying trade, and the acquirement of new locomotives and freight cars will be welcome news to the grain-growers.

Canadian Wheat for Italy.

The Marchese Doria who is in Canada at present representing the Italian Government with a view of increasing trade between the two countries, had an interview a few days ago with Sir Wilfred Laurier and other Ministers of the Federal Government at Ottawa. He is now in the West gathering additional information regarding our No. 1 hard wheat, for which he says there is a demand in Italy. There is no hard wheat grown in sunny Italy, according to the statement of the Marchese Doria, and he believes that his country can take a considerable portion of our surplus wheat crop.

He is examining into other branches of trade to ascertain what his country could send us in return for our golden grain.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa will render all information and assistance at his command to build up a trade between the two countries. The Marchese will spend several months in this country looking into the matter, and will report the results of his research to his Government.

Elevators Full of Wheat.

Advices from the Western Provinces inform us that the elevators are at present full up with wheat. The elevator capacity in this country will have to be considerably augmented in the near future, else we shall hear of trouble along those lines each successive year.

With the increase in acreage each year the demand for more commodious elevators is obvious.

The storage of wheat in the wheat-growing centres on the prairie in large quantity is a problem which will have to be solved right away.

French Weed.

One of the most malignant enemies which the Western farmer has to encounter is the too common French weed. It possesses a peculiar odor, somewhat resembling garlic, and hence is often known by the name of stink weed. It is very difficult to eradicate, as all farmers know. Where the arable land is over run with this weed it is best to proceed as follows: Harrow stubble ground early after harvest or gang plow and harrow. As soon as the seeds have had time to sprout cultivate thoroughly. Repeat cultivation, and rib up in the fall with a double mould board plough and summer fallow and cultivate frequently the following summer and rib up again late in the fall.

To Measure a Bin.

To find the number of bushels of grain in a bin multiply the length in inches by the breadth in inches and that again by the depth in inches, and divide the product by 2150.

Or in a rough way—not altogether accurate—multiply the length by the breadth by the depth in feet, and multiply the product by 8 and point off one place in the result for decimals.

In spite of the fact that the storage battery, in its present stage, has objectionable limitations, the electric automobile is steadily winning in favor, especially as a city vehicle. Its use for trucking purposes is increasing, while the electric carriage is coming into high favour, especially for the use of ladies. It is safer, neater, simpler, and much quieter than either the steam or gasoline automobiles, and requires but little experience to operate. The

comparatively brief time the charge of the battery lasts confines the operation of such vehicles to the vicinity of electric charging stations. Mr. Edison is devoting his whole time to the question of improving the storage battery, and, if he is as successful as he hopes to be, he will revolutionize the automobile business.

There is nothing more necessary to equip people for the "strenuous life" of modern times than good food. Man physically should be like a well regulated machine and nothing contributes to this end more than the food that is not only pleasing to the taste but also strengthens and nourishes. It has been demonstrated that there is no other food made from flour so rich in nutriment and body-building elements as are soda biscuits. This is saying much for ordinary crackers and much more for Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas, which are widely recognized as the most perfect soda biscuits in all Canada. They are crisp and delicious, delightful to the taste and always wholesome. Being a perfect food, highly nourishing and easily digested, they are fitted to repair wasted strength, preserve health and prolong life. Mooney's Sodas are the result of years of study of the best methods of producing superior crackers. They are manufactured in the cleanest and best equipped bakeries in all Canada. The workmen are the most skilled on the continent, and the materials used are of a very high order. The flour is a special blend, milled only for the Mooney factory, and the butter and cream are produced direct from the famous dairies of Western Ontario. Not an ounce of "inferior butter" finds its way into Mooney goods. The materials being balanced, the result is a toothsome and pure food, easily digested and converted into brawn, bone and brain. No other soda cracker quite compares with them and no other receives such a generous welcome at a table where they have once become known. The pre-eminence they have attained is due to genuine merit as they tempt beyond resistance all who like good things to eat.