

## Wheat Stocks

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 30, 1895, shows an increase of 1,682,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,215,000 for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 808,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and 1,815,000 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.
Jan. 2...	83,531,000	80,224,000	81,248,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,883,000	81,391,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,768,000	75,560,000	79,043,000	41,558,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,651,000	41,036,000
" 8...	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,291,000	41,177,000
" 15...	70,187,000	69,217,000	76,961,000	42,055,000
" 22...	68,824,000	68,475,000	74,809,000	39,149,000
" 29...	65,770,000	64,583,000	75,197,000	37,030,000
May 6...	62,106,000	65,116,000	73,091,000	38,190,000
" 13...	60,823,000	63,510,000	72,692,000	35,100,000
" 20...	59,484,000	62,144,000	71,892,000	30,670,000
" 27...	54,344,000	61,329,000	70,150,000	29,523,000
June 3...	53,229,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,000,000
" 10...	49,739,000	58,211,000	67,602,000	26,950,000
" 17...	47,777,000	57,005,000	66,176,000	2,006,000
" 24...	46,226,000	55,812,000	63,041,000	21,601,000
July 1...	41,600,000	54,037,000	62,306,000	21,601,000
" 8...	43,350,000	51,114,000	61,300,000	23,130,000
" 15...	41,237,000	53,174,000	59,328,000	24,439,000
" 22...	40,437,000	53,771,000	59,001,000	23,108,000
" 29...	39,233,000	57,144,000	59,340,000	23,900,000
Aug. 5...	38,617,000	61,010,000	60,240,000	26,079,000
" 12...	37,339,000	62,321,000	58,809,000	23,230,000
" 19...	36,800,000	63,900,000	57,612,000	1,770,000
" 26...	35,088,000	61,771,000	57,240,000	31,050,000
" 31...	35,138,000	60,040,000	56,881,000	3,301,000
Sept. 7...	30,741,000	60,163,000	56,110,000	38,760,000
" 14...	33,000,000	60,214,000	57,331,000	41,411,000
" 21...	39,385,000	70,139,000	58,039,000	44,907,000
" 28...	40,768,000	71,413,000	60,528,000	49,001,000
Oct. 5...	41,832,000	73,614,000	61,270,000	51,250,000
" 12...	44,481,000	75,074,000	61,130,000	53,000,000
" 19...	46,190,000	76,630,000	60,078,000	59,402,000
" 26...	50,488,000	78,103,000	60,327,000	61,601,000
Nov. 2...	50,900,000	80,047,000	71,390,000	61,717,000
" 9...	50,630,000	82,301,000	74,000,000	62,203,000
" 16...	50,300,000	83,964,000	77,200,000	62,634,000
" 23...	50,221,000	85,170,000	78,091,000	70,765,000
Dec. 2...	50,003,000	85,170,000	78,091,000	72,550,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on November 25 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal.....	246,000
Toronto.....	91,000
Kingston.....	10,000
Winnipeg.....	178,000
Manitoba elevators.....	1,900,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,713,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on November 25, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	86,099,000
Pacific Coast.....	9,651,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	

	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	112,218,000
Pacific Coast.....	13,130,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Dec. 30, shows an increase of 1,589,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 87,688,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks on November 1, (United States, Canada, in Europe and abroad for Europe) were 153,038,000 bushels, compared with 178,682,000 bushels a year ago, 173,225,000 bushels two years ago, 154,272,000 bushels three years ago, 138,641,000 bushels four years ago, 91,150,000 bushels five years ago, and 109,117,000 bushels six years ago.

## Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending December 5, were \$1,878,870; balances, \$354,159. For the previous week clearings were \$1,937,839. For the corresponding week of last year clearings

were \$1,819,685. For the month of November clearings were \$8,503,272, as compared with \$6,607,498 for October last year.

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

	Nov. 20.	Nov. 28.
Montreal.....	\$11,029,858	\$12,870,911
Toronto.....	5,298,063	6,960,756
Halifax.....	1,023,461	1,871,705
Winnipeg.....	1,644,491	1,937,839
Hamilton.....	717,288	731,764
Total.....	\$19,713,121	\$23,872,505

## 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. 2.	Nov. 9.	Nov. 16.	Nov. 23.	Nov. 30.
Extra Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0
hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	92	59	107	74	52
No. 2 hard.....	37	27	39	21	25
No. 3 hard.....	64	30	34	30	25
No. 1 North'n.....	21	18	20	20	9
No. 2 North'n.....	5	11	0	0	3
No. 3 North'n.....	3	0	0	0	1
No. 1 white fyle.....	3	0	4	0	0
No. 2 white fyle.....	0	0	0	2	0
No. 1 Spring.....	9	2	0	3	8
No. 2 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Fost d.....	34	27	44	34	21
No. 2 Fost d.....	24	9	22	11	11
No. 3 Fost d.....	7	7	0	1	0
No. 1 R. fect.....	21	0	18	14	12
No. 2 R. fect.....	42	28	80	84	61
No Grade.....	0	0	4	1	0
Feed.....	0	0	0	2	1
Total.....	335	274	474	376	227
Same week last year.....	164	113	276	235	176

\*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, 60c and 42 to 44c to farmers, Manitoba country points.
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.50; Bakers, \$1.60.
Bran.—Per can, \$11.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.
Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 23 to 24c.
Barley.—Per bushel, feed 26c to 30c.
Flax Seed.—95c to \$1.
Butter.—Round lots country dairy 10 to 14c.
Cheese.—Small lots 11 to 11½c.
Eggs.—Fresh, 14, to 16c round lots.
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 8 to 4½c.
Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5.
Hogs.—Dressed, 4½ to 5c.
Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c. choice 3 to 3½c.
Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½c.
Sheep.—\$2.25 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds.
Seneca Root.—19 to 21c.
Poultry.—Chicken, 6 to 7c, turkeys, 9 to 10c, geese, 7 to 8c, ducks 7 to 8c.
Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.
Potatoes.—45 to 50c per bushel.
Hay.—\$1.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.
Wool.—8 to 9c, unwashed fleece.

Wheat prices in the country were very irregular this week last year, as high as 47c being paid at some points.

## Manitoba Wheat Movement.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William from September 1 to November 30 amount to 9,448,265 bushels, as compared with 8,395,062 bushels for the same period last year. Shipments east of Fort William for export or to Eastern Canada from September 1 to November 30 amount to 7,871,068 bushels, as com-

pared with 8,931,897 bushels for the corresponding period of last year. Stocks at Fort William on November 30 were 1,748,471 bushels, compared with 471,220 bushels a year ago and 1,125,118 bushels two years ago. Receipts for the week ended November 30 at Fort William were 681,768 bushels and shipments from that point were 1,249,838. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 392,190 bushels and shipments 717,699. Shipments from Fort William for the week ended Dec. 30 this year, are the largest for the season, slightly exceeding the previous week. The largest lake shipments for any week last year were 1,111,180 bushels, for the week ended Nov. 21, 1894.

## An Opinion of the Great West.

The Spectator, a New York insurance journal, says: "The Great West Life Assurance Company of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is one of the hustling Canadian companies that is making quite a record. The company began business only in 1892, and in 1891 stood fourth among the eleven life insurance companies of Canada in amount of new business written, and second in the amount of net gain in insurance in force. In percentage of new business retained it stood first, leading both Canadian and foreign companies. For a young company the Great West obtains its business at a very low rate of expense, its cost per \$1,000 of new business, after deducting seven and one-half per cent. of renewals for care of old business, being but \$18.71. Situated in the commercial centre of the great Northwest territory it has a growing field to cultivate, which its active manager J. H. Brock will see is done properly, at the same time getting his full share from the eastern provinces. The Great West is an extremely lusty and promising youngster."

## Lumber Trade News.

Wm. Armstrong, for many years manager of the lumber business of P. McArthur, at Westbourne, has settled in Portage la Prairie, Man., where he has purchased the lumber business of McIlvanie & Logan. W. Logan will continue the planing mill business.

The Brandon Times says: "As soon as the ground was frozen J. A. Christie, president and manager of the Assiniboine Lumber Company, started two camps of from 50 to 60 men cutting and skidding logs in the woods on the banks of the Assiniboine, in the vicinity of Fort Pelly, by the river about 225 miles northwest of here. Arrangements are now being made for increasing the force, and as soon as sufficient snow comes, a large number of teams will be sent out to haul the logs onto the ice, ready for starting the drive the moment the ice moves in the spring. Much will depend on the season, but they aim at making the cut between three and four million feet. This business means a good deal to every citizen of Brandon, for it is not only the merchants who supply the company or their men with goods that are benefitted, but the community at large, by the reduction in the prices of both lumber and fuel. The farmers too, many of whose sons and teams find employment during the winter months, are doubly benefitted by the enterprise of this company. The supplies for the camps which are all purchased in Brandon and vicinity, amount to a round sum during the year.

Jacob Lukov, men's furnishings, Victoria, is selling out by auction.

Wm. B. Macnamara, representing H. Shorey & Co., clothing manufacturers of Montreal, returned to Winnipeg last week after a trip through Southern Manitoba, and he reports the business outlook good, and buyers taking hold more freely than they did last year.