

## PATTEN'S CORNER EXCITING

Battling with many millions of dollars for more millions, battling for a stake estimated all the way from \$11,250,000 to \$15,000,000 and perhaps more, the biggest firm of grain operators on the Chicago board of trade—and that means the biggest in the whole world—has arrayed itself against practically every other firm, every other interest on the board.

Four men—James A. Patten, Geo. W. Patten, Wm. H. Bartlett and Frank P. Frazier—are so positive that they have wheat conditions sized up correctly that they are pouring out their money with almost prodigal recklessness and are gambling on the state of the market six months hence.

## VOICES AGAINST THEM.

Arrayed against these four men, comprising the firm of Bartlett, Patten and company, are many of millions, customers of such well-known houses as John H. Wrenn, Finley Barrell and company, Armour Grain company, and the Rosenbaum Grain company. It is a battle of the money giants that is being fought out silently, watchfully and yet strenuously on the Board of Trade these days. It is one of the biggest and most momentous fights in the history of the Chicago Board of Trade. All other fights of recent years pale into insignificance when compared with it. So positive are the Patten-Bartlett bulls that there will be a shortage in the world's wheat supply next May that they are buying, buying, buying, always at increased prices, all the wheat that is offered them for delivery in May. The antagonistic forces are trying to force the Patten crowd to unload their holdings but they are still buying, buying cheerfully and readily.

## TWENTY-FIVE MILLION BUSHELS.

Conservative estimates on the board say that the Pattens are from 25 to 30 million bushels of wheat long now. Most of it is for May. When that time comes the Pattens are going to demand the delivery of the wheat. They are sure that it will not be had. The shorts—those who sold what they will find they cannot deliver, if the Patten predictions are correct—will be caught.

There will be a settlement at the price going. The Pattens will pocket the millions. It is a favorite pastime for operators on the Board of Trade nowadays to take out pencils and paper and do a little figuring on possible profits that will come to Bartlett, Patten & Co., as a result of the deal they are now engineering. Here are a few sample figures:

25 million bushels of wheat bought at an average price of 85 cents, \$21,250,000. 25 million bushels of wheat sold at the average price of \$1.30, \$32,500,000. Profits, \$11,250,000.

The losses, should the market break before it is time to deliver the wheat contracted for May, cannot be estimated.

## PROVINCIAL CAMPAIGN

The Manitoba Grain Growers' Association is holding a large number of meetings this month to stimulate interest in the meetings of the association. A new departure has been made in selecting a number of farmers to address these meetings and give information on what the association has been doing in the direction of improved conditions surrounding the disposal of our products, and the nature of the legislation that the association has been able to secure. The benefits to farmers of extending the co-operative principle in disposing of their products is given prominence in the discussion.

The Provincial Secretary arranged for upwards of eighty of these meetings. Reports are that in most cases they are very successful, large numbers of farmers attending. In some cases, through one cause or another, the attendance is small, but all are full of enthusiasm as to the progress that is being made all along the line.

## STATEMENT OF GRAIN SHIPMENTS

Which have passed the inspection point at Winnipeg during the month ending 30th November, 1908 as supplied by the Chief Inspector of Grain, Manitoba Grain Inspection Division.

## SPRING WHEAT.

	Cars.
1 Hard .....	12
1 Northern .....	2642
2 Northern .....	4490
3 Northern .....	4454
No. 4 .....	1789
Feed .....	182
Rejected 1 .....	577
Rejected 2 .....	648
No Grade .....	534
Rejected .....	407
Condemned .....	1
No. 5 .....	802
No. 6 .....	384
1 Hard White Fife...	2
Total .....	16,924

## WHITE WINTER.

	Cars.
No. 1 Alberta Red ...	69
No. 2 Alberta Red ...	155
No. 3 Alberta Red ...	154
No. 1 White Winter ...	5
No. 2 White Winter ...	8
No. 3 White Winter ...	7
No. 1 Mixed Winter...	8
No. 2 Mixed Winter ...	4
No. 3 Mixed Winter...	1
Rejected 1 .....	34
Rejected 2 .....	37
No Grade .....	4
No. 4 .....	60
No. Five .....	39
Total .....	585

## TOTALS.

	CARS LAST YEAR	CARS
Wheat .....	17,509	10,341
Oats .....	2,364	1,547
Barley .....	699	494
Flax Seed .....	492	402
Rye .....	4	2
Total .....	21,068	12,786

FOR 3 MONTHS—1ST SEPT. TO 30TH NOV., 1908.

	Totals	Cars	Last Year
Wheat .....	41,750	21,481	
Oats .....	4,344	2,493	
Barley .....	1,968	1,254	
Flax Seed .....	831	577	
Rye .....	5	3	
Total .....	48,898	25,808	

## OATS.

	Cars.
Extra No. 1 .....	
No. 1 Can. Western...	72
No. 2 Can. Western...	1250
No. 3 Can. Western...	176
No. 2 Mixed .....	18
Rejected .....	22
No Grade .....	110
Extra No. 1 Feed .....	315
Condemned No. 1 .....	261
No. 2 Feed .....	140
Total .....	2364

## BARLEY.

	Cars.
No. 1 .....	
No. 2 .....	
No. 3 Extra .....	16
No. 3 .....	380
No. 4 .....	201
Rejected .....	46
No Grade .....	24
Feed .....	32
Total .....	699

## RYE.

	Cars.
No. 1 .....	3
No. 2 .....	1
Total .....	4

## FLAX SEED.

	Cars.
No. 1 N. W. Man. ....	417
No. 1 Manitoba .....	50
Rejected .....	8
No Grade .....	17
Total .....	492

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