

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Sept. 19, 1896, shows an increase of 2,053,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,293,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 975,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 1,862,000 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...	83,581,000	80,228,000	81,238,000	46,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,883,000	81,393,000	43,181,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	76,689,000	79,083,000	41,558,000
Apr. 1...	74,308,000	71,459,000	73,654,000	41,039,000
May, 6...	62,196,000	66,166,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 3...	52,229,000	59,394,000	71,089,000	27,910,000
July 1...	41,601,000	54,657,000	62,316,000	24,202,000
Aug. 3...	33,517,000	60,001,000	59,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	30,764,000	69,163,000	56,149,000	33,700,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,276,000	51,256,000
Nov. 4...	52,990,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	40,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,691,000	72,680,000

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

	1895.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 4...	60,842,000	87,856,000	70,683,000	81,766,000
" 11...	63,946,000	86,616,000	80,438,000	82,080,000
" 18...	67,988,000	85,288,000	80,382,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,665,000	80,234,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1...	60,731,000	83,376,000	79,883,000	81,393,000
" 8...	60,119,000	82,322,000	79,660,000	80,973,000
" 15...	65,926,000	80,733,000	73,667,000	80,214,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,418,000
March 1...	64,089,000	78,765,000	75,689,000	79,083,000
" 7...	62,596,000	77,717,000	74,607,000	79,103,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,573,000	73,359,000	79,020,000
" 21...	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,163,000	78,203,000
" 28...	61,048,000	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,651,000
April 4...	60,322,000	72,705,000	70,763,000	77,293,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,497,000	69,217,000	76,096,000
" 18...	58,483,000	68,626,000	68,425,000	74,869,000
" 25...	57,946,000	65,778,000	66,533,000	75,027,000
May 2...	55,619,000	62,196,000	65,166,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,000,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,632,000
" 16...	53,116,000	56,481,000	62,044,000	71,526,000
" 23...	51,298,000	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,340,000	52,229,000	59,391,000	70,367,000
June 6...	50,147,000	49,739,000	58,217,000	68,662,000
" 13...	49,488,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	66,375,000
" 20...	48,819,000	46,225,000	55,352,000	63,031,000
" 27...	47,860,000	44,581,000	54,057,000	62,316,000
July 4...	47,199,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,319,000
" 11...	47,220,000	41,437,000	53,164,000	60,328,000
" 18...	46,743,000	40,488,000	52,771,000	59,003,000
" 25...	47,142,000	39,229,000	51,144,000	58,349,000
Aug. 1...	46,784,000	38,617,000	50,601,000	59,424,000
" 8...	46,429,000	37,639,000	52,321,000	58,899,000
" 15...	45,876,000	36,892,000	53,901,000	57,812,000
" 22...	45,189,000	35,083,000	54,771,000	57,240,000
" 29...	45,674,000	34,438,000	56,949,000	56,831,600
Sept. 5...	46,495,000	36,764,000	60,168,000	56,149,000
" 12...	47,002,000	38,692,000	63,214,000	57,331,000
" 19...	49,655,000	39,385,000	70,159,000	68,693,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on September 12 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	337,000
Toronto.....	180,000
Kingston.....	25,000
Winnipeg.....	316,000
Manitoba interior elevators	410,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	1,902,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on September 12 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	59,838,000
Pacific Coast.....	3,512,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	43,549,000
Pacific Coast.....	8,799,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Sept. 19, shows an increase of 2,223,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 52,061,000 bushels on the latter date.

Worlds stocks of wheat on Sept. 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 97,076,000 bushels, as

compared with 119,499,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1895, 151,622,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1894, 149,407,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 111,016,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1892, and with smaller totals on Sept. 1 in preceding years.

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.	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19
Extra Manitoba					
hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	102	46	84	20	44
No. 2 hard.....	13	3	7	0	16
No. 3 hard.....	13	10	2	4	0
No. 1 North'n.....	17	10	14	8	5
No. 2 North'n.....	0	1	0	0	0
No. 3 North'n.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white type	0	1	1	0	4
No. 2 white type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	1
No. 2 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted.....	2	3	0	0	0
No. 2 frosted.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 3 frosted.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected.....	2	2	1	0	2
No. 2 Rejected.....	4	0	1	0	1
No Grade.....	1	3	1	4	3
Feed.....	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	151	81	112	57	78
Same week last year.....	32	24	21	43	129

*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.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Sept. 19, 1895.	Sept. 20, 1896
Flour, straight spring	\$3.16 to \$3.30	\$1.00 to \$3.35
Flour, straight winter	\$1.25 to \$3.30	\$3.00 to \$3.30
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	70c	62c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	26c	33 1/2c
Oats, No. 2.....	29 1/2c	24 1/2c
Rye, No. 2, Western.....	41c	48 to 49c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee		50c
Cotton, mid. upld.....	8c	8 1/2c
Print cloths, 64x61.....	2 1/2-16c	3c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X.....	16c	17 to 18c
Wool, N. C. 1 comb.....	18 to 20c	22 to 23c
Pork, mess new.....	7.50 to 8.00	\$10.00 to 10.25
Lard, westn., stn.....	3.77 1/2	\$6.55 to \$6.30
Butter, creamery.....	15 1/2 to 16c	21c
Cheese, ch. east fr.....	9c	7 to 7 1/4c
Sugar, centrif., 90°.....	3 1/2-16c	3 5/8-16c
Sugar, granulated.....	4c	4 5/8-16c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	10c	16c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.....	\$1.12 1/2	1 23
Petroleum, rfd. gal.....	6.85c	7.10
*Iron, Bess. pg.....	\$11.00	\$16.00
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$20.00	\$24 75
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool.....	4 1/2	2 1/4d
Cotton.....	11-6d	8-32d
* Pittsburgh.		

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Flour declined 10c. Hides, after holding for a long time at 7c, declined 3c to 7c.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—About 41c to 46c for No. 1 hard, country points, and 59 to 60c afloat Fort William.
- Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.85; Bakers, \$1.65.
- Bran.—Per ton, \$11.
- Shorts.—1 1/2 ton, \$13.
- Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, new, local freights paid, 20 to 21c.
- Barley.—A few loads sold at 22c to 24c.
- Flax Seed.—65c to farmers at country points.
- Butter.—Dairy round lots 8c to 9c Cr ry, 14 to 16c.
- Cheese.— 4 to 6c.
- Eggs.—Fresh, 11c net, jobbing at 12 to 18c.

- Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 4 1/2c.
- Mutton.—Fresh, 6 to 6 1/2c; lamb, 6 1/2 to 7c.
- Hogs.—Dressed, 5 1/2 to 6c.
- Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2 1/2c. Export 3 to 3 1/2c.
- Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4 to 4 1/2c.
- Sheep.—2 1/2 to 3c off cars.
- Seneca Root.—Dry 17 to 19c lb.
- Poultry—Chickens, 85 to 40c per pair, fowl, 40c to 45c; turkeys, 8 to 9c lb., live weight.
- Hides.—No. 1 cows, good salted weak at 7c.
- Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 10 to 11 1/2c.
- Potatoes.—20c per bushel.
- Hay.—\$5.00 per ton, car lots.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

The International association of fire underwriters meets on October 18, at Niagara Falls, when an international insurance league will be formed to take in the whole continent on both sides of the border. This will insure uniformity of rates in the United States and Canada and prevent cutting. Insurance men claim that the scheme will be a protection to the public as it will compel all companies doing business in Canada to register.

The first meeting of the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Co., was held recently at Wawanesa, Man., for the purpose of organization. The object of the company is to insure threshing outfits, which will be of great value to owners of machines. As a large number of machines are now in use in the country, this is something which will be of great benefit and a protection against loss in case of fire.

Blanchard & Co., bankers, of Carman, Man., have made arrangements to open a branch office at Wawanesa at once.

The final dividend which pays the full amount of principal due to depositors has been issued by the liquidators of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba.

The following circular has been sent by Canadian banks to customers, with the request to sign and return it to the banks. "In consideration of the bank discounting or negotiating such promissory notes or bills of exchange, or checks payable in the United States as may be satisfactory to the said bank, we hereby guarantee due payment of the said promissory notes, bills of exchange or checks in gold or its equivalent, and are to hold the bank indemnified against any loss or damage that may arise through the payment of the same being made or tendered in silver, or any other depreciated currency."

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of Sept. 18 says: "The freight market is very firm on grain, 8s having been paid for Liverpool, 8s 3d for London, and 8s 6d for Glasgow and Bristol; and even at these figures there is not much space to be had. These prices show a further advance of 3d all round on the week. These freights are quoted at 25s Liverpool, London and Glasgow, and 30s Bristol. Notwithstanding the reported scarcity of ocean tonnage, further freight engagements have been made of wheat and corn at Chicago and other lake ports, for shipment via Montreal, late charters being reported of corn from Chicago to Kingston at 2 1/2c and wheat 2 3/4c. From Kingston to Montreal the rates are 2 1/2c wheat and 2c corn. The last engagements of wheat reported from Duluth were at 5 1/2c through to Montreal, and we hear of 20,000 bushels of wheat being taken at Fort William at 5 1/2c to Montreal.

S. L. Head is in the Lake Dauphin country on a cattle buying tour.

The general store business of John McLeod, Portage la Prairie, will hereafter be managed by R. W. McLeod.