

**No Tariff Changes.**

Finance Minister Filding made his budget speech at Ottawa on May 2. With regard to the tariff, the minister announced that there would be no changes. Regarding the coal oil duties, he said that the cost was increased by the duty and by the regulations and pointed out that some of the speakers had calculated that the selling price of oil was twice as large as the duty would ordinarily make it. It was apparent the regulations increased the price. The great problem concerning the cheapening of commodities was the question of transportation and in this connection the government proposed to abolish all the regulations not necessary to ensure the safety of the public. They would not bother whether oil was sold in barrels, tank cars, tank vessels, or tin pans. They also propose to abolish the inspection fee. All oil found that did not come up to the standard would be confiscated.

The statement regarding coal oil will not be satisfactory to the west, as the feeling here is strongly in favor of lower duties on this and other commodities.

**Dairy Trade Items.**

The village of St. Adolphe, Manitoba, is in want of a cheese factory.

Canada's receipts from the export of cheese for the year ending April 30 amounted to the handsome sum of between fourteen and fifteen million dollars. Butter exports netted \$4,500,000.

C. C. Macdonald, provincial dairy commissioner, has been at Hochstadt, Man., where he held for two weeks a school of instruction for cheese makers. Mr. Macdonald intends going out on a tour of all the cheese factories which have so far expressed their intention of opening this season. The number is thirty-three. One of Mr. Macdonald's endeavors will be to have the factories pay more attention to the curing of their products.

It is reported that the C. P. R. is going on with the work of double tracking between Winnipeg and Fort William this summer.

The initial number of The West, a new Territorial publication, issued from Regina, by The West Company, Limited, has appeared. It is to be a weekly newspaper.

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**Statistical Wheat Reports.****WHEAT IN CANADA.**

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Montreal                               | 26,000    |
| Toronto                                | 50,000    |
| Kingston                               | 330,000   |
| Winnipeg                               | 443,000   |
| Manitoba elevators                     | 5,525,000 |
| Fort William, Port Arthur and Keowatin | 3,865,000 |

Total, April 22 ... 10,239,000  
Total a year ago ... 3,530,000

**BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.**

Total stocks in the United States as reported by Bradstreet's on April 22, were 49,189,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 35,045,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on April 1, were 4,321,000 bushels, compared with 3,466,000 bushels a year ago.

**THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended April 29, was 28,144,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,035,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 23,263,000 bushels, two years ago 34,412,000 bushels, three years ago 53,519,000 bushels, and four years ago 62,196,000 bushels.

**WHEAT STOCKS AT U. S. PORTS.**

|                    | Bushels.   |
|--------------------|------------|
| Chicago            | 5,022,000  |
| Duluth             | 11,003,000 |
| Minneapolis        | 8,147,000  |
| New York           | 917,000    |
| Buffalo and afloat | 23,000     |

**STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.**

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 9,513,000 bushels, compared with 11,218,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 25,811,000 bushels, compared with 27,044,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

**WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.**

Stocks of wheat in the United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe on April 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

|      | Bushels.    |
|------|-------------|
| 1890 | 123,650,000 |
| 1898 | 114,267,000 |
| 1897 | 122,376,000 |
| 1896 | 161,978,000 |
| 1895 | 181,442,000 |

**CROP MOVEMENT.**

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

|             | This crop. | Last crop. |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Minneapolis | 74,532,766 | 64,995,160 |
| Milwaukee   | 11,341,806 | 7,876,178  |
| Duluth      | 64,711,600 | 36,088,214 |
| Chicago     | 30,514,871 | 31,229,291 |

Total ... 181,100,503 140,188,843

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1 1898, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

|             | This crop. | Last crop. |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Toledo      | 12,000,699 | 10,540,382 |
| St. Louis   | 13,229,806 | 11,157,594 |
| Detroit     | 4,632,484  | 4,500,765  |
| Kansas City | 24,200,443 | 27,291,366 |

Total ... 54,169,432 53,490,107

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