

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

At the last meeting of the council of the board of trade the following communications were received:

A letter from the department of agriculture, acknowledging receipt of the board's memorial regarding an experimental farm in the vicinity of this city, for the Red River Valley, was read.

A letter was also read from the department of railways and canals, acknowledging receipt of resolution passed some time ago by the board favoring the construction of a railroad through the Crow's Nest Pass into the Kootenay country.

A communication also from the Hong Kong chamber of commerce, in which they asked the Winnipeg board to favor the establishment of a cable connecting Canada with the Australian and Chinese stations. An acknowledgement was ordered to be forwarded to the chamber, and the communication was filed for reference.

A communication was read from the commercial agent for Canada, J. L. Larke, of Sidney, New South Wales, relating to the trade in grain and other productions of Manitoba.

The council has been in receipt of letters from an agent in Australia regarding the likelihood of farmers there coming to Manitoba to settle. This agent intends at an early date to visit Manitoba in the interests of these persons. The secretary was instructed to forward all this correspondence to the minister of the interior.

A letter was read from the city council inviting the board to send six delegates to a meeting called by the legislative committee in the council chamber on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 8 p. m., with a view to discussing the frontage system of taxation for the improvement of the streets and pavement in general. F. H. Mathewson, A. M. Nanton, Thomas Gilroy, J. H. Brock, Hyman Miller and D. E. Sprague were appointed as delegates to represent the board.

Grocery Trade Notes.

British Columbia canners who have held their pack are jubilant that the price of salmon has advanced in England.

In New York the price of sugars has declined $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, but it should be remembered that while prices in Canada only advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, New York went up $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Willott & Gray say: "Mr. Licht has been for some weeks reporting unfavorable weather for the beet crop, and yet the average percentage of yield in Germany for the month of October was 11.43 per cent, as compared to us, showing an increase of about $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per cent from the early outturn of yield.

The immediate future of sugar still rests with European holders. This comes from the greater influence in the world now of the best sugar crop than the cane sugar crops in the absence of the 1,000,000 tons formerly made in Cuba."

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Nov. 21, 1896, shows a decrease of 1,037,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,895,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 1,692,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 530,000 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	85,581,000	80,223,000	81,235,000	45,907,000
Feb. 5	85,579,000	79,593,000	81,321,000	43,101,000
Mar. 4	75,705,000	75,600,000	70,088,000	41,556,000
April 1	74,308,000	71,159,000	77,651,000	41,036,000
May 6	62,190,000	62,158,000	73,069,000	36,100,000
June 3	62,228,000	59,394,000	71,006,000	27,910,000
July 1	41,601,000	64,657,000	62,316,000	21,262,000
Aug. 3	38,611,000	60,001,000	60,424,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7	41,832,000	60,103,000	56,140,000	33,700,000
Oct. 7	41,832,000	73,614,000	69,275,000	61,250,000
Nov. 4	53,090,000	80,047,000	71,306,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2	63,003,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,630,000

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

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 4	69,842,000	87,830,000	79,943,000	81,788,000
" 11	68,846,000	88,016,000	80,438,000	82,090,000
" 18	67,989,000	86,236,000	80,332,000	82,237,000
" 25	67,523,000	84,065,000	80,281,000	81,497,000
Feb. 1	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,833,000	81,390,000
" 8	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,686,000	80,973,000
" 15	65,026,000	80,733,000	78,997,000	80,211,000
" 22	63,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,413,000
March 1	64,089,000	78,761,000	75,569,000	79,033,000
" 7	62,596,000	77,717,000	74,007,000	79,103,000
" 14	62,123,000	76,714,000	73,359,000	79,406,000
" 21	61,318,000	75,771,000	72,161,000	78,274,000
" 28	61,019,000	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,631,000
April 4	60,322,000	72,713,000	70,702,000	77,291,000
" 11	59,380,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,098,000
" 18	58,483,000	68,626,000	68,425,000	71,360,000
" 25	57,910,000	65,776,000	66,513,000	70,207,000
May 2	56,619,000	62,190,000	65,150,000	70,043,000
" 9	51,030,000	59,323,000	63,511,000	70,312,000
" 16	51,148,000	16,311,000	62,041,000	71,520,000
" 23	51,295,000	64,214,000	61,329,000	70,159,000
" 30	51,340,000	62,229,000	59,394,000	70,367,000
June 6	50,147,000	48,739,000	58,241,000	63,661,000
" 13	49,385,000	47,717,000	57,105,000	66,377,000
" 20	48,819,000	46,225,000	56,851,000	63,031,000
" 27	47,806,000	44,561,000	54,037,000	62,318,000
July 4	47,103,000	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,512,000
" 11	47,200,000	41,237,000	53,164,000	59,318,000
" 18	46,743,000	40,448,000	53,771,000	59,901,000
" 25	47,142,000	39,229,000	57,144,000	59,319,000
Aug. 1	46,734,000	38,517,000	56,001,000	59,411,000
" 8	46,429,000	37,639,000	55,321,000	58,869,000
" 15	45,876,000	36,392,000	53,901,000	57,812,000
" 22	45,159,000	35,083,000	54,771,000	57,210,000
" 29	45,574,000	34,433,000	56,949,000	56,831,000
Sept. 5	46,985,000	36,754,000	59,168,000	56,114,000
" 12	47,002,000	38,092,000	60,211,000	57,337,000
" 19	46,656,000	39,393,000	70,189,000	58,893,000
" 26	48,115,000	40,763,000	71,415,000	60,623,000
Oct. 3	50,116,000	41,832,000	73,614,000	63,275,000
" 10	51,414,000	41,481,000	75,714,000	65,233,000
" 17	51,892,000	40,190,000	76,659,000	66,978,000
" 24	57,231,000	51,180,000	78,190,000	68,277,000
" 31	58,600,000	52,900,000	81,271,000	71,390,000
Nov. 7	109,300,000	56,936,000	81,230,000	74,052,000
" 14	101,005,000	60,326,000	81,332,000	76,753,000
" 21	62,971,000	62,221,000	83,911,000	77,233,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on November 14 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal	551,000
Toronto	210,000
Kingston	20,000
Winnipeg	255,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,673,000
Port William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	1,083,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on November 14, 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains	83,300,000
Pacific Coast	6,833,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains	81,589,000
Pacific Coast	9,651,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Nov. 21, shows a decrease of 1,197,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 79,103,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on November 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 187,575,000 bushels, as compared with 153,633,000 bushels on Nov. 1, 1895; 178,682,000 on November 1, 1891; 172,825,000 on November 1, 1893; 151,272,000 on November 1, 1892; 148,641,000 on Nov. 1, 1891; 91,151,000 on November 1, 1890; and 109,117,000 bushels on Nov. 1, 1889, exclusive of flour.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

The most important change was a drop of about 2¢ in the lower grades of wheat, high grades being unchanged.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat.—About 87¢ to 89¢ for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, and 54½¢ to 55¢ afloat Fort William.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Bakers, \$1.55 to \$1.60.

Bran.—Per ton, \$9.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$11.

Oats.—Per bushel, Winnipeg street price, 15 to 16¢. No car lots being taken here.

Barley.—A few loads sold at 18¢ to 22¢.

Flax Seed.—60 to 61¢ to farmers at country points.

Butter.—Dairy round lots 13¢ to 14¢.

Cheese.—Jobbing price 8 to 9½¢.

Eggs.—Fresh, 20¢ for round lots.

Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 5¢, country dressed, 8 to 4¢.

Mutton.—Fresh, 5½¢ to 6½¢; lamb, 5½¢ to 6¢.

Hogs.—Dressed, 4½ to 5¢.

Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 8¢.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 8½¢.

Sheep.—Sheep and lambs 2½ to 3¢ off cars.

Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 20¢ lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 7 to 8¢ lb; turkeys, 10¢; ducks and geese, 8 to 9¢.

Hides.—Green frozen, 4 to 4½¢.

Wool.—Unwashed fleece, 10 to 12¢.

Potatoes.—20¢ per bushel.

Hay.—\$5.50 to \$9 per ton, car lots.

The Dry Goods Trade.

Bradstreet says of the situation in the United States: "There has been a fair volume of business in the dry goods market, and merchants are more hopeful for the future than for a long time. The situation is very firm except in one particular; that is the print cloth market, which has been weak, and prices have declined 1-16¢, while stocks were large. At the close, however, the market is firmer. The market for plain cottons holds up strong."

Live Stock Items.

A consignment of 850 head of cattle shipped by Gordon & Ironside, of Winnipeg, was lost on the steamer Memphis, wrecked off the Irish coast on the 17th.

The Macleod Gazette says that stock on the ranges are in good shape, notwithstanding the rough weather experienced of late, as stockmen have plenty of hay this year for feeding stock while the snow is on the ground.

Twelve cars of young stockers for ranches in the Calgary district passed through Winnipeg from Ontario one day last week.

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