

Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Mar. 14, 1896, shows a decrease of 473,000 bushels, against a decrease of 811,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,218,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 83,000 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...	88,581,000	80,225,000	81,285,000	46,907,000
Feb. 6...	83,376,000	79,863,000	81,392,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	76,569,000	79,088,000	41,556,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,654,000	41,036,000
May 6...	62,196,000	66,166,000	73,009,000	38,190,000
June 8...	62,929,000	69,391,000	71,080,000	37,900,000
July 1...	41,610,000	64,657,000	62,316,000	24,622,000
Aug. 3...	38,517,000	61,010,000	64,240,000	26,079,000
Sept. 7...	36,764,000	60,108,000	68,140,000	33,760,000
Oct. 7...	41,332,000	73,611,000	63,275,000	51,256,000
Nov. 4...	52,990,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	61,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,903,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,580,000

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

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 4...	69,842,000	87,800,000	79,935,000	81,780,000
" 11...	68,945,000	80,615,000	80,433,000	87,080,000
" 18...	67,982,000	86,266,000	80,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,623,000	84,665,000	81,234,000	81,437,000
Feb. 1...	66,744,000	83,376,000	74,830,000	81,300,000
" 8...	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,160,000	80,975,000
" 15...	65,026,000	81,733,000	76,667,000	81,214,000
" 22...	64,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,433,000
Mar. 1...	63,089,000	78,761,000	76,569,000	79,088,000
" 7...	62,596,000	77,777,000	74,607,000	79,130,000
" 14...	62,127,000	76,873,000	73,329,000	79,000,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on March 7 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	826,000
Toronto.....	28,000
Kingston.....	10,000
Winnipeg.....	330,000
Manitoba interior elevators	2,935,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	4,272,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on March, 7 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	92,853,000
Pacific Coast.....	4,296,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	96,856,000
Pacific Coast.....	11,801,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended March 14, shows a decrease of 37,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 92,491,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks on March 1, 1896. (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 151,052,000 bushels, which is about 16,500,000 bushels less than the corresponding total one year ago, more than 80,000,000 bushels less than were so held two years ago, about 21,000,000 bushels less than three years ago but about 8,500,000 bushels more than were so held on January 1, 1892, 54,500,000 bushels more than on January 1, 1891, and about 58,000,000 bushels more than on January 1, 1890.

New Provincial Laws.

The Manitoba Legislature was adjourned on Thursday until April 16, when it will meet again to discuss the school question, providing any basis for a settlement of the difficulty is reached at the coming conference between the Dominion and provincial governments. Before the adjournment the following

acts received the assent of the governor, and have now become law:

To incorporate the Grand Loan of Manitoba of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

To empower the trustees of the will of the late John Higgins to borrow money to give mortgage security for the same.

To amend the property act.

To amend the municipal hail insurance act.

To amend the vital statistics act.

To incorporate the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg.

To amend the bills of sale act.

For granting certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the civil government of the province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of December, 1895, and for other purposes connected with the full service.

To amend an act respecting aid to railways.

To amend the distress act.

To incorporate the Home Investment and Savings Company.

For codifying the law relating to the sale of goods.

For granting further sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the civil government of the province for the fiscal year ending 31st day of December 1895, and for other purposes connected with the public service.

Respecting securities.

To amend the dairy factories incorporation act.

To make further provision for the payment of succession duties in certain cases.

To amend an act incorporating the Saskatchewan and Western Railway company.

To incorporate the Manitoba Trusts company.

To authorize the Central Canada Loan and Savings company of Ontario to transact business in the province of Manitoba.

To incorporate the Portage la Prairie General hospital.

To amend the municipal act.

Respecting the profession of civil engineers.

To amend the assessment act.

To amend the public school's act.

To amend the municipal boundaries' act.

To amend the Veterinary Association act.

To amend the county courts' act.

To amend the public health act.

To amend the horse breeders' lien act.

To amend an act respecting ice-holes in Red and Assiniboine river.

To amend the liquor license act.

To amend the public parks' act.

To amend the merchants' lien amendment act, and to make further provision respecting the liens of mechanics and laborers.

To amend the master and servants act.

To amend chapter 86 of 57 Victoria, being an act to provide for giving threshers a lien in certain cases.

To amend the Game protection act.

To provide a further sum for the completion of the new court house and for the enlargement of the jail for the Central judicial district.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, March 21, 1896.

Butter.—Dairy butter, 18 to 20c; creamery 25 to 26c; Government creamery, 27c; Manitoba cheese 10½c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12c; breakfast bacon 12½c; backs 11½c; long, clear 8½c; short rolls 9½c; smoked sides 10½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9c per pound; in rails and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$15.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smelt 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c;

spring salmon 9c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 8c; finnan haddies, 9c; erbs 60c dozen; smoked halibut 8c; bloaters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes now, \$8 to \$10 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½c, cabbage, 1½c; Ashcroft potatoes, 75 to 76c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 18 to 19c. Washington eggs, 17c.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges \$1.80 to \$2.00, navels, \$3.00, native apples \$1.25; California lemons, \$3.50; Oregon apples, \$1.75.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.70; strong bakers, \$1.40; Oregon, \$1.25; Oak Lake patent \$1.60; do strong bakers \$1.10.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.30; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.00; 2-50's, \$2.75. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-15's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$18.50 ton; bran \$16.50; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 7½c; mutton, 3c, pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7 to 10c per lb.

Live Stock.—Steers, 3½ to 4c lb; sheep, \$1.00 to \$1.50; hogs, 5½ to 5½c.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$6 per dozen, scarce.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4½c per lb.

Sy. ops.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

Live Stock Markets.

At Liverpool on March 16 cattle were weak and the slight advance in prices noted last week was lost. Sheep were steady. Best State cattle, 10½c; Argentine, 9c, and sheep 18c. At London on the same day supplies were excessive, and prices showed a decline of ½c to ¾c. Best States, 10c; Argentine, 8c, and sheep, 10½c.

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal on March 16 the market was steady, and values showed no material change. The quality of the stock generally was good. Good to choice stock sold 8½c to 3½c; fair 2½c to 3½c; common, 2c to 2½c, and inferior, 1½ to 2c per pound, live weight. Spring lambs met with an active demand at \$3 to \$7 each, as to size, and old sheep sold at \$3.50 to \$6 each. At the Point St. Charles cattle market the same day the market for live hogs was steady, and sales were made at \$1, \$1.05 and \$1.10 per 100 lbs.

At Toronto on Tuesday there was a better demand, but the supply of choice cattle was limited. The top price for butchers' cattle was 3½c, and the general range from 3 to 3½c, for good and downward to 2½c for poor. Lambs firm at 4 to 4½c. Hogs, best bacon 8½c, heavy hogs, 3.70 to 3.75 for 100 lbs., sows, 3 to 3½c, stags 2 to 2½c.