

British Columbia Items.

About 5,500,000 salmon eggs have been collected and placed in the Fraser river hatchery.

Shipping is very active. Some thirty-five ships were unloading in the province last week.

A. E. Salisbury & Co., Vancouver, have been appointed agents for the Victor sales for Vancouver and district.

Vancouver is working up trade with Fiji in bananas. From Fiji they will come all the year round. In exchange for bananas Fiji is taking from British Columbia, apples, potatoes and onions.

The B. C. salmon packing season for 1898 has closed. The fall pack has only been some 50,000 cases, which will not materially add to the small summer pack. Prices continue very strong.

M. Costello and associates are erecting a \$40,000 cold storage establishment on the Fraser river with a view to freezing and shipping the inexhaustible food supply of British Columbia's mighty river.

Several Japanese shipped to the Orient this week via San Francisco 1,500 tons of salt salmon—a trial shipment. The consignors could not get steamship room for this shipment in British Columbia.

Fruit inspectors have examined plum orchards in British Columbia and handed in exhaustive papers as to the treatment of dry rot among plums, more or less prevalent in British Columbia. It is hoped that with careful treatment of every orchard in the province the disease will disappear.

Numerous railway and steamboat schemes are in process of incubation for the purpose of opening up the country. One scheme to connect Vancouver by rail and steamer with the Cassiar, Atlin Lake and Klondike districts, is proposed. If any of them come to anything is another question. Numerous citizens' meetings have been called to consider them.

A scarcity of carbide of calcium is reported. This is the commodity used for the manufacture of acetylene gas, which is coming into quite extensive use.

The Pillow & Hersey Company, iron founders, Montreal, had their forging department injured by fire on Nov. 14th to the extent of thirty or forty thousand dollars.

Fire destroyed property in Dawson City on October 14th to the value of \$30,000. The number of buildings lost amounted to about 40, the post-office being among the number.

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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	174,000
Toronto	42,000
Kingston	25,000
Winnipeg	178,000
Manitoba elevators	2,100,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,505,000

Total November 5 4,024,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's on Nov. 5, were 33,930,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 44,910,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Pacific coast wheat stocks on Nov. 1 were 5,621,000 bushels, compared with 7,391,000 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 November 12, was 19,994,000 bushels, being an increase of 2,994,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 31,973,000 bushels, two years ago 61,008,000 bushels, three years ago 60,326,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS AT U.S. POINTS.

Chicago	2,050,000 bushels
Duluth	2,199,000 "
Minneapolis	1,814,000 "
New York	1,764,000 "
Buffalo	1,858,000 "

STOCK OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 5,499,000 bushels, compared with 14,285,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 23,529,000 bushels, compared with 43,439,000 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 Nov. 1, for a series of years, were as follows, Bradstreet's report: Nov. 1, 1898, 84,485,000; Nov. 1, 1897, 111,660,000; Nov. 1, 1896, 162,399,000; Nov. 1, 1895, 178,449,000.

CROP MOVEMENT.

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

	This Crop	Last Crop
Minneapolis	30,359,250	29,162,640
Milwaukee	4,847,885	3,792,709
Duluth	30,359,834	24,015,910
Chicago	16,006,461	16,295,069

Total 87,564,430 73,258,328

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	8,957,235	7,960,345
St. Louis	9,200,854	7,644,200
Detroit	2,713,050	3,358,205
Kansas City	16,249,580	19,695,900

Total 37,120,519 38,658,650

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