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Six plants of the **Russian Mulberry**.—The popularity of this plant still continues, and we have decided to give it again for another year.

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London, Ont., Feb. 2, 1885.

The month just closed has been one of very extreme changes of temperature and very severe cold. The latter half of the month especially has been very severe. Business has improved somewhat, and there is a better feeling, with the general impression that bottom has been reached, and that from this on we may look for some improvement in trade and commercial circles.

WHEAT

Has awakened from the long stage of lethargy into which it has been for months past and prices have advanced all along the line of breadstuffs. There seems to be more disposition to do business, and although the advance has not been very great, still it is quite as much as the trade will stand for some weeks and possibly some months. The coming crop prospects will soon be an important factor in the future course of the wheat market. The "Cincinnati Prices Current" gives some very interesting figures on the course of prices and rates of freight for the past 17 years. From this it will be seen that notwithstanding the loud complaints about high freights, the freights from Chicago to New York are some 15 cents per bushel lower now than 15 years ago.

WHEAT PRICES AND FREIGHTS.

In the comparisons of wheat prices, it is interesting to bring into view the cost of freight from the west to the seaboard, whence the surplus product is shipped to importing markets

abroad. We have maintained, by expressions from time to time, that the wheat prices of the west, freights considered, have been lower this season than during any year since the exportation of wheat has reached proportions of importance.

In 1869-70 the exportation of wheat (flour included) first reached the 50,000,000 bushels point, the highest previous to that year being 30,000,000 in the preceding year. In the following compilation will be shown the annual wheat crops of the United States, and exports (flour included), stated in millions of bushels, with the lowest and average price of No. 2 wheat in Chicago, and average rates of freight from Chicago to New York per bushel of wheat, by lake and rail, with the lowest Chicago price and freight to New York added annually for seventeen years, from 1868 to 1884 inclusive:

Crop.	Exports.	Lowest.	Ave.	Freight.	Freight.
Millions.	Millions.	price.	price.	to N. Y.	& price.
1868...224	30	104	170	29	133
1869...260	54	76	111	25	101
1870...236	63	73	97	22	96
1871...231	40	99	121	25	124
1872...250	52	101	125	28	129
1873...281	94	89	117	26	115
1874...309	73	81	108	16	98
1875...292	76	83	98	14	97
1876...289	67	83	102	11	94
1877...364	93	101	127	16	117
1878...430	149	77	96	11	88
1879...449	181	81	99	13	94
1880...498	186	89	105	15	102
1881...380	122	95	115	10	105
1882...504	149	91	118	10	103
1883...430	111	90	101	11	101
1884...513	...	69	82	8	79

In the above, the exports are for twelve months beginning on July 1 of the year stated. The freight rates for 1884 are the average from January 1 to September 1.

Our table shows that the figures indicating the Chicago lowest price and average freight to New York by lake and rail was 79½ cents in 1884, compared with 88 in 1878 as the lowest of similar figures in previous years, and compared with an average of \$1.01½ for five years from 1879 to 1883 inclusive, 99 cents from 1874 to 1878, and \$1.16 for six years from 1868 to 1873, the average for sixteen years from 1868 to 1883 inclusive being \$1.06.

These comparisons we believe will be found interesting by the trade, and we take pleasure in being able to offer the same, as affording exhibits with reference to price and freights which have not previously been given from any other source.

The wheat acreage in Great Britain for the crop of 1885 promises to be about 15 per cent. less than for the crop of 1884, and in eight winter wheat States there will be a probable decrease in the wheat acreage of about 13 per cent.

The stock of wheat in the State of California January 1st, was some 27,000,000 bushels. There is not tonnage enough on the coast and on the way there to move this crop, and a large quantity will have to be held over for another season.

LIVE STOCK.

There have been some very severe losses on the cattle ranches in Idaho, Washington, Montana, Colorado and Texas, from cold and snow. What the percentage of loss will be cannot be known for some time. The ranch men in our own Northwest country claim that their cattle have escaped these storms so far.

The Montreal Gazette gives the British live stock trade as follows, on Jan. 27th: