

Bushels.  
 East of the mountains ... 52,800,000  
 Pacific Coast ... 1,857,000  
 Total stocks a year ago were:  
 East of the mountains ... 84,751,000  
 Pacific Coast ... 4,296,000  
 Bradstreet's report for the week ended May 1, shows a decrease of 3,113,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 48,684,000 bushels on the latter date.  
 World's stocks of wheat on April 1, 1897, (United States, Canada, in Europe and afloat for Europe) were 121,676,000 bushels as compared with 144,875,000 bushels on April 1, 1896; 102,501,000 on April 1, 1895; 175,956,000 on April 1, 1894; 178,233,000 on April 1, 1893; 1,443,595,000 on April 1, 1892; 99,808,000 on April 1, 1891; and 90,851,000 on April 1, 1890.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

	April 30, 1897	May 1, 1896
Flour, straight spg...	\$4.10 @ \$4.25	\$3.10 @ \$3.50
Flour, straight wint...	\$4.25 @ \$4.35	\$3.25 @ \$3.75
Wheat, No. 2 red ...	93 1/2c	72 1/2c
Do, No. 2 mixed ...	30 1/2c	35 1/2c
Oats, No. 1 ...	23c	25c
Do, No. 2 western ...	42c	40 1/2c
Barley, No. 2, Milw ...	42c	
Do, mid. upld ...	7 1/2c	\$3.10c
Prut cloths, 6x6 1/2 ...	20 @ 10c	21 1/2c
Wool, Ohio & Pa. X ...	19 @ 20c	16 1/2c
Wool, No. 1 comb'd ...	21c	20 @ 21c
Pol. mess, new ...	\$8.75 @ \$9.25	\$9.50 @ \$10.00
Lard, prime, cont'd ...	4.37 1/2c	5.05c
Butter, ex. creamery ...	17c	15 1/2c
Cheese, ch. east, fty ...	10 1/2c	9 1/2c
Sugar, centrif. 66 ...	3 1/2c	4 1/2c
Sugar, granulated ...	4 1/2c	5.7-10c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7 ...	8 1/2c	14 1/2c
Petroleum, N. T. Co. ...	88c	\$1.27
Petroleum, rd gal ...	6.05c	6.05c
Iron, Bess, pt ...	\$0.50	\$1.00
Steel billets, ton ...	\$14.50	\$16.40
Steel Rails ...	\$20.00	\$28.00
30-ton Steam Freights	3d	1 1/2d
Gran. Liverpool	9-12 1/2d	1-16d
Cotton, Liverpool		

\*Pittsburg.

Bank Clearings.

New York, May 7.—Bank clearings, totals at 87 cities for the week ended May 6, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's show total clearances \$1,120,874,832, a decrease of 1.6 per cent, as compared with the corresponding week of last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$483,223,035, a decrease of 5.8 per cent.

The clearances for the Dominion of Canada were as follows: Montreal \$10,742,456, increase 1.1 per cent; Toronto 7,1869,594, increase 1.9 per cent; Winnipeg, \$1,314,861, increase 5.2 per cent; Halifax, \$1,282,644, increase 3.2 per cent; Hamilton, \$703,099, decrease 5.4 per cent; St. John,

CATTLE FOR THE RANGES.

Stewart and Burton, of Fort Macleod Alberta, have been in Wellington county, Ontario, buying up cattle for their ranch. Their purchases consist of about 800 stockers, 85 pure bred Northern bulls, one and two years old, and 12 head of pedigreed cows.

MONEY RATES.

New York, May 7.—Money on call easy at 1-1 to 1-2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 3-1-2 to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 1-4 to 1-2 for demand, and at \$4.85 to 1-4 for sixty days; posted rates \$4.86 1-2 to \$4.87, and \$4.83 1-2; commercial bills \$4.85 to 1-4; government bonds easier.

PRICE OF SILVER.

New York, May 7.—Bar silver 59 1-2; Mexican dollars 47 1-4; silver certificates 60 1-2 to 61.

NEW YORK WHEAT.

New York, May 7.—Wheat — Receipts 137,825 bushels; exports 25,000 bushels; sales 4,335,000 bushels, futures; 20,000 bushels spot. Spot quiet. No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 82 3-8c. f.o.b. afloat. No. 1 Northern N. Y., 80 1-4c f.o.b. afloat. Options opened easy under disappointing English cables, but turned strong and advanced sharply on bad California and Indiana advices, cinch bug reports, firm continental cables and foreign buying, only to wind up with a bad break under heavy realizing. Closed 3-4 to 1c net lower. No. 2 red, May 78 1-4c to 79 1-4c, closed 78 1-4; June closed 77 3-8; July 76 3-8 to 77 11-16, closed 76 1-2; Aug. 47 3-8 to 74 1-2, closed 74 3-8; Sept. 73 3-8 to 74 1-2, closed 73 3-8; Oct. closed 73 7-8c; Dec. 74 15-16 to 76, closed 75.

SEEDING REPORTS.

Gladstone, May 3.—Early sown wheat is up and looks well. With such weather as we now have, and the large amount of moisture in the ground, it ought to make great progress. It is said there will be a much larger acreage this year than formerly. It was about the 6th of May last year when most farmers began to sow. This year the most will have finished by that date.

Raven's Glen, May 3.—Seeding is progressing fairly well. A larger percentage of wheat is being sown than is usual in this part of the country. The last two years' crop have escaped injury, farmers are risking more wheat and less oats.

Yorkton, Assa., May 3.—The wheat acreage will be at least fifteen per cent greater than last year in Yorkton district. The whole acreage under crop is also much increased.

Crystal City, May 3.—Good progress is being made in seeding operations at this point. Over one half of the acreage is now sown and work will no doubt be finished much earlier than last spring. The present season contrasts strongly with last in regards to rains. So far this season scarcely a shower has fallen, while previous to this time last spring it had rained several inches. A much larger acreage will be under cultivation this year than for several years past.

Deloraine, May 4.—The weather is all that could be desired and a large acreage of land having been prepared last fall, most of the farmers have finished their wheat seeding, and are now plowing for oats and barley. The land is in excellent condition and with the warm weather which began on Friday last, the fields are already showing up green and promising.

M. & N. W. REPORT.

The Manitoba and Northwestern Railway company have issued their first report of seeding operations for this year under date of May 1st, 1897. It reads:

Westbourne.—Wheat seeding about all finished and three weeks earlier than last year. No increase in acreage but better prospects for good crops.

Gladstone.—About 65 per cent of the wheat already sown. There will be about 25 per cent more wheat sown this year than last. Oats and barley not started yet, acreage will be about the same. Farmers state they are having the best weather for seeding that they have had for years.

Arden.—Seeding advancing very rapidly. Weather could not be more favorable and farmers are rushing the spring work. Acreage sown in wheat is three times greater than that of last year at this time owing to the land drying up so quickly. Oats and barley are not under way yet. The oat acreage will be a slight increase over last year and barley about the same.

Neepawa.—Wheat seeding two-thirds done. No other grain yet sown. Acreage fully as large as last year. Condition best on record, prospects extra good.

Minnedosa.—Wheat seeding is about finished in this district. Oats and barley still to sow. The acreage of wheat will be about one-third more than last year. Oats and barley will average about the same as last season. The ground is in first-class condition and prospects so far are very favorable.

Rapic City.—Seeding is progressing rapidly; two-thirds of the wheat is now sown and in many cases making its appearance above ground. Seeding of all kinds is from 8 to 10 days in advance of last year. The wheat and oat acreage as compared with last year from 15 to 20 per cent more. Acreage in barley will be about the same.

Newdale.—Seeding this spring is further advanced than it was at this time last year. All the wheat is sown and a good part of the oats. Very little barley will be sown. Acreage as compared with last year will be about the same except wheat which will be increased about 20 per cent.

Stratclair.—Seeding is well under way, ground in good shape and prospects splendid. Acreage as compared with last year is much the same with the exception of wheat which will be increased about 50 per cent.

Shoal Lake.—Seeding well advanced in this vicinity. If weather remains fine next week wheat seeding will be finished. Very little oats and barley sown yet. Land in excellent condition and growth good. Fully one-third increase in acreage of wheat. Season much earlier than last, and prospects favorable.

Birtle.—Last two weeks has been favorable for seeding and farmers have made rapid progress. It is estimated that from fifty to sixty-five per cent of the wheat is now in, balance will be in by end of another week if weather keeps fine. Acreage as compared with last year, wheat 20 per cent more, oats 25 per cent less.

Bin-earth.—Seeding operations well under way, the wheat is nearly all in and the acreage under crop is somewhat larger than last year. Seeding is fully two weeks earlier. Not many oats sown yet. Weather very favorable. Snow melting off gradually allowed the water to soak in leaving the high and lighter soils with plenty of moisture and in good condition to receive seed. All farmers agree that this is an exceptionally favorable spring.

Russell.—Seeding progressing rapidly. Season eight or ten days earlier than last year. About same acreage sown as last year. Wheat coming up in some places.

Langenburg.—About 50 per cent of wheat already sown; there will be about 75 per cent more wheat seeded this year than last. About 25 per cent of oats are sown; there will be about 50 per cent more oats sown than last year. Land is in very fine condition and if weather continues fine,