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Consignments of Grain and Manitoba Produce solicited.
F. O. B. offers of wheat, Barley, etc., requested.
Established 1860. Manitoba Grain Code used.

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Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	133,000
Toronto	75,000
Coteau, Que.	14,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	8,000
Kingston	61,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,055,000
Winnipeg	350,000
Manitoba elevators	2,800,000

Total March 16.	5,458,000
Total previous week	5,408,000
Total a year ago.	3,083,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's March 16, were 77,527,000 bushels, as against 70,300,000 bushels the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 82,807,000 bushels, being a decrease of 400,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 54,003,000 bushels, two years ago

30,007,000 bushels, three years ago 30,001,000 bushels, four years ago 30,024,000 bushels, five years ago 31,048,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 10,335,000 bushels, compared with 6,593,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 22,862,000 bushels, compared with 21,111,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and afloat for Europe Feb. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1901	162,000,000
1900	150,000,000
1899	121,000,000
1898	118,000,000
1897	113,000,000
1896	112,000,000
1895	113,000,000

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 movement, Aug. 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop.	Last Crop
Minneapolis	60,141,200	67,051,270
St. Louis	6,691,520	8,214,402
Duluth	14,877,825	41,525,504
Chicago	34,934,480	19,589,650

Total116,675,115 136,405,916

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, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop.	Last Crop.
Toledo	8,084,140	10,470,524
St. Louis	18,476,771	7,917,889
Detroit	2,618,245	3,308,659
Kansas City	31,933,317	12,315,800

Total61,123,514 34,012,972

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 67½¢ in store Fort William.
- Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.00-\$1.85; best bakers', \$1.70.
- Oatmeal—\$1.05 per 80 lb sack, to the retail trade.
- Millicuffs—Irish, \$14.50 ton, shorts, \$15.50, delivered to city dealers.
- Oats—Carrots on track, 30¢/cwt, according to quality.
- Barley—32½¢ per bushel for malting, and feed grades.
- Country Wheat—52½¢ per bushel, according to grade and freight rate to farmers at country points.
- Corn—In carlots, 4½¢ per bushel of 56 lb.
- Flax—\$1.25/2½¢ per bushel.
- Butter—Dairy, 18¢/20¢ per lb for best grades; creamery, 24¢ per lb to the retail trade.
- Cheese—Regular sizes, 14¢/14½¢ to the retail trade.
- Eggs—12¢ for Manitoba fresh, less expense.
- Hides—Country frozen hides, 60¢/6½¢ per pound, No. 1 inspected, 7¢ per pound.
- Wool—84¢ for unwashed fleece.
- Seneca Root—28¢ per lb.
- Hay—Baled, 45¢/45.50 per ton on cars.
- Potatoes—45¢/50¢ per bushel for farmers' loads.
- Country—Turkeys, 11¢ per lb; chickens, 10¢; ducks, 10¢; and geese, 9¢ per lb.
- Dressed Mutton—Hoe, 60¢/7¢; veal, 34¢; fresh mutton, 34¢; fresh mutton, 34¢/10¢ per pound; hogs, 5¢/6½¢.
- Live Stock—Cattle, 3¢/4½¢, as to grade, sheep, 4¢; hogs, 4¢/4½¢ off cars, according to quality.

New Cycle Warerooms.

The National Cycle and Automobile Company, Limited, is now comfortably settled in the new warerooms which were secured a few weeks ago in the Maw building, William avenue, Winnipeg. The whole of the second floor is being used by the company for display and storage of the stock of bicycles, etc. The following well-known makes of wheel are in stock: E. & D., of Hamilton; Crescent, of Chicago; Columbia and Hartford, of Hartford; Tribune, of Erie; Monarch, of Chicago; Spaulding, of Chicago; and Imperial, of Chicago. W. R. Roseborough, is managing the company's business as usual this year. With reference to the factories of the company it may be said that those in Canada are to be fitted up so that all these wheels can be made on this side of the line, thus saving the duty. The locomobile department is also to be a very prominent feature hereafter. Work is now in progress on a contract to supply the Dominion government with a number of these machines for use in the postal service gathering mail from city boxes and transferring mails to and from railway trains.

A BUSY FACTORY.

One of the growing industries of Winnipeg at the present day is the carriage and sleigh wood factory of D. Auckland & Son, on Point Douglas, Winnipeg. This concern is particularly busy at present with spring orders for carriages and sleigh wood goods of all kinds. They have this year greatly increased their output particularly of wagon and carriage spokes and hubs. Most of their shipments of manufactured lines are of their own make. They also deal in imported lines of special designs and in all kinds of hardwood lumber.

A Suggestion.

The following suggestion for retailers in towns to meet departmental store competition, is made by a retailer: Let an exclusive dealer in each of the following lines, shoes, dry goods, groceries, clothing and drugs, get together and rent a building large enough to accommodate them all, each man as before to be the sole proprietor of his own business, but to all intents and purposes as far as the public is concerned, it would be a large departmental store. One advertising space divided into departments could contain the advertising for all. One cashier office would suffice, and business should be done strictly for cash. A consolidation of this kind would greatly reduce the expenses of each, and go a long way towards solving the departmental store problems. If the people would rather make their purchases all under one roof, why not accommodate them?—Shoe and Leather Trade Journal.

City Council Meeting.

The Winnipeg city council held its regular fortnightly meeting on Monday evening last. The report of the finance committee recommending among other items a grant of \$7,000 to the Industrial Exhibition Association for the year 1901, was adopted. The works committee recommended acceptance of tender of W. F. Lee for construction of sewers and of T. H. Maxwell for sinking well, also that tenders be called for the construction of additional sidewalks and pavements on city streets, and further that the city proceed to expropriate the property necessary to straighten Assiniboine Avenue from Garry Street to Main. This report was adopted. A motion to exempt the new Y. M. C. A. building on Portage Avenue from 75 per cent of its taxes was carried. A motion to secure an amendment of the municipal act to prevent non-residents from selling goods from railway cars and to cancel the license of auctioneers who break the city by-laws was carried. A motion to secure legislation reducing the aldermanic term of office to one year was carried. A by-law to annul the by-law making the carrying of bicycle lamps compulsory was carried. A deputation was present from the Cycle Path Association to ask that the city take over control of all cycle paths within the limits and provide for their maintenance by a tax of 50 cents each or cyclists.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

An act was introduced in the Manitoba legislature on Tuesday by the minister of railways to transfer the aid which was granted under section 1 of chapter 43 of 61 Victoria to lines of railways outside the province to lines to be constructed in the province during the coming year. In 1898 the government granted aid to assist the construction of a line of railway from a point north of Sifton station to a point on the south bank of the Saskatchewan river by guaranteeing the principal and interest of first mortgage bonds to the amount of \$8,000 per mile. The legislation introduced will enable the government to transfer this aid to 110 miles of railway to be constructed in the province.

The Dominion government survey parties which have been working along French river from Georgian Bay to North Bay on Lake Nipissing with a view to ascertaining the cost of making that channel navigable to twenty feet draughts should soon be ready to report. Two parties of engineers have been at work there for a couple of months acting for the department of public works and the work must be getting pretty well along. The idea is to establish the feasibility of that route for vessel traffic between the head of the great

lakes and the Ottawa river and Atlantic ocean. If it should be found that the way can be opened up Canada is sure of a very large share of the carrying business between the great inland areas of this continent and the Atlantic ocean. The proposed route would be short and direct and would enable the traffic to be handled much cheaper than by the United States route. Of course a necessary feature of its development would be the improvement of the Lawrence river navigation.

Lake Ore Freights and Traffic.

Steadiness and uniformity, which in the iron and steel trade bid fair to displace extreme fluctuations, will perhaps be exemplified this coming season in lake freights, as well as in prices of ore and of iron and steel products.

The United States Steel corporation will pretty well control the ore trade on the lakes hereafter, from all indications. Their acquisition of the Rockefeller mine and vessel interests this week practically makes them independent in every respect. The mines which they now control have a capacity of 12,000,000 tons of ore annually. The 112 vessels which they own have a carrying capacity of about 11,000,000 tons, by going up light, and their ore requirements, based on last year's business are about 12,000,000 tons, so that ore production, transportation and consumption are very even. The new vessels coming out for this season will have a carrying capacity of about 3,000,000 tons for the season, and the Rockefeller fleet, which in 1900 lay in ordinary most of the season, has a carrying capacity of about 3,000,000 tons. It is safe to predict that this latter fleet will be put into active and continued service this year so that the total carrying capacity will be about 6,000,000 tons in excess of that in service last year. It is not likely that the shipments of ore will gain in any amount approximate thereto. Hence the prospect for the individual vessel owner in the ore trade is not exceptionally bright.

It is rumored that the transportation of a block of ore from the head of the lakes to Lake Erie has been contracted for on a basis of about 72 cents, as against \$1.25 last year. The policy of the vessel management of the corporation in regard to carrying up coal and engaging in the grain trade will perhaps be determined by the state of the ore traffic.—Iron and Steel.

Application for Incorporation.

The following notice of application for incorporation is given in the Official Gazette: R. J. Whittle and Company (Limited), with a total capital stock of \$500,000, headquarters at the city of Winnipeg; to carry on the business of dry goods merchants and manufacturers; to deal in all manner and kind of goods, wares and merchandise, and to manufacture the same; to act as agents for merchants, traders and manufacturers; to engage in any business or transaction which may directly or indirectly enhance the value of or render valuable the company's assets, properties and rights; to lend money and take security therefor of every nature and kind; to acquire, hold and dispose of shares in the capital stock of any other company or corporation, and to invest its funds in the purchase of any such shares; to acquire, lease, mortgage, and sell land and real estate of every description and any or every interest therein. The petitioners are: Robert Jones Whittle, merchant; Dawson Kerr Elliott, merchant; Richard Driscoll, salesman; Abraham Sueden Binns, salesman; John M. Campbell, salesman, and James Albert Manning Atkins, barrister-at-law, all of the city of Winnipeg.

Argentine trade for 1900 shows a slight set-back, which is not a matter for surprise having regard to the cholera scare at Rosario, flood damages, the restriction of the exportation of live stock and the low price of wool. The total imports amounted to \$13,485,000 gold, as against \$116,850,700 in the previous year, a drop of 2 per cent, and the exports aggregated \$154,000,400, as against \$184,917,500, a decline of 16 per cent. The total foreign commerce is thus \$208,085,400, as compared with \$301,768,200, showing a falling off of \$93,682,800, equal to 11 per cent.