STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

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

Montreal	35,000
Toronto	30,000
Coteau, Que.	100,000
Depot Harbor, Ont.	447,000
Kingston	56,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	500,000
Winnipeg	275,000
Manitoba elevators	11,000,000
Total Jan. 25	16,443,000
Total previous week	15,811,000
Total a year ago	5,900,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Jan. 25, were 91,321,000 bushels, as against 93,213,000 bushels the previous week, according to Bradstreet's report.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 87,408,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Jan. 1 were 3,343,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ending Feb. 1, was 57,929,000 bushels, being a decrease of 1,441,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 59,767,000 bushels, two years ago 54,562,000 bushels, three years ago 38,984,000 bushels, four years ago 36,022,000 bushels, five years ago 47,885,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 4,331,000 bushels, compared with 9,939,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 11,632,000 bushels, compared with 14,825,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

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

	Bushels.
1902	165,000,000
1901	169,000,000
1899	167,000,000
1898	117,000,000
1897	132,000,000
1896	156,000,000
1895	194,000,000

WHEAT 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, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

	This crop.	Last crop.
Minneapolis	60,628,596	48,455,590
Milwaukee	7,716,480	5,184,520
Duluth	35,733,919	12,928,901
Chicago	31,506,824	31,690,205
Total	135,595,819	98,257,216

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, 1901, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This crop.	Last crop.
Toledo	5,937,680	7,419,805
St. Louis	14,721,556	16,642,915
Detroit	2,602,687	2,349,319
Kansas City	16,047,258	28,772,517
Total	39,309,181	55,183,656

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year:

Wheat—Cash No. 1 hard closed at 83c in store Fort William.

Flour—Jobbing price per sack: Patent, $2.10; best bakers', $1.95.

Millstuffs—Bran, $14.00 per ton; shorts, $16 per ton delivered.

Oats—Carloads on track, Alberta 40 @ 43c; Manitoba 38@40c.

Barley—40@45c per bushel.

Corn—In car lots 45¼@46c per bushel of 56lbs.

Butter—Dairy, 12@16c per lb.; creamery 20c per lb. at the factories.

Cheese—10c to retail merchants.

Eggs—24@25c for Manitoba fresh, less expressage.

Potatoes—Farmers' loads on the street, 40@45c per bushel.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 5@6c for city dressed; country, 4½@5½ per lb; hogs, 6@6½c.

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Poultry—Dressed chickens 8@8½c; ducks dressed, 8½c; geese, 9½c; turkeys, dressed, 11c.

Game—Rabbits, 10c per pair; jack rabbits, 25c each, and wild pigeons 15c per pair.

Hides— 5c for frozen stock, less 5lbs. tare.

Wool—8@8½c for unwashed fleece.

Seneca Root—35@35c.

Baled Hay—$7@$8 per ton on cars.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3½@4c; sheep, 4 @ 4½c; hogs, 5½c.

Grain and Milling Notes.

The Dominion government has decided to buy no more oats for South Africa, the time of its recent contract having expired.

The Maple Leaf, of Gilbert Plains, estimates that 100,000 bushels of wheat have already been shipped from that station out of last year's crop.

A flour mill and elevator are wanted at Saltcoats, Assa. A committee to further investigate the subject has been formed there, and a bonus will be given to parties who will undertake the work. Thos. McNutt is secretary of the committee, from whom particulars may be learned.

Grain men and elevator companies are making complaint of their inability to secure further insurance risks on wheat stored at Fort William in the large elevators. Insurance men refuse to increase the amount of insurance on wheat in elevators A, B and C, but are prepared to take risks on grain stored in the big tank elevator, in which there is still some room for wheat.

The Manitoba provincial committee on agriculture discussed the Grain Act on Tuesday. Grain Commissioner C. C. Castle was asked to appear before the committee. He stated that some sixty loading platforms had been approved of but had not yet been built. Mr. Ruddell moved that the Dominion government be asked to amend the Act ki that a penalty of $10 may be imposed, in case these loading platforms are not erected within sixty days after approval by the commissioner and ordered to be built.

The Speltz Market.

Another grain has been added to the list of those grown in Western Canada and is now in the market as seed for the coming spring. This grain is known as speltz or emmer, and will be used where available in sufficient quantities for feed purposes. Its market value to-day in Winnipeg is 75c per bushel of 50 pounds and those who have it for sale can find ready market here at that price today. Seed merchants and grain dealers anticipate a good demand for this grain in the spring.

Speltz is already grown to a considerable extent in North Dakota and is said to have given the farmers of that state considerable satisfaction as a coarse feed. It produces large yields, is easily grown and is much relished by horses as feed. It was brought to America from Europe where it is largely grown and is sometimes used for human food. It thrives well on poor land and will grow where oats will not. The cultivation of this grain has not yet been fully approved by the Dominion government experts but we understand that the United States experts regard it favorably. Supt. Bedford, of Brandon experimental farm, speaks favorably of it in his latest report for cultivation on light soil.

Ocean Freights Advanced.

New York, Jan. 31.—The Commercial-Advertiser said to-day: An agreement, binding the various trans-Atlantic lines plying between this country and England to adopt a uniform minimum freight rate on grain and provisions, was signed to-day by the representatives of the various steamship lines interested.

The freight rates are increased on all grain and provisions leaving this country for Liverpool and London. The minimum rate on grain is fixed at one and a half penny per bushel of 60 pounds, and the minimum rate on provisions at 10 shillings per ton of 2,240 pounds, increasing the grain rate 33 1-3 per cent and the provision rate 10 per cent. No maximum rate has been fixed.

The lines included in the agreement are: The White Star, the Cunard, the Atlantic transports, the International Navigation, the Leyland, the Dominion line, the Philadelphia line, the Lamport and Holt line, the Wilson line, the Chesapeake and Ohio line, and the Virginia line from Norfolk. At the office of the Chesapeake and Ohio Steamship Co. it was said that the lines to Manchester, Hull and other English ports were also in the agreement.

It was learned that the passenger rates under discussion contemplated a minimum of $60 for winter travel. The same lines that have signed the freight agreement, will, it is understood, sign the passenger agreement.

The John Watson Manufacturing Company is supplying its friends with a handsome art calendar for 1902, showing a colored reproduction of the painting "A Friendly Critic," by Ch. Scherber, of Paris.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 4,115,602 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Feb. 3. A year ago 8,703,000 bushels in store at Fort William were 1,660,000 bushels. Two years ago there were 3,100,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg, and interior points are estimated approximately at 15,875,000 bushels, compared with 5,415,000 bushels a year ago, 8,700,000 bushels two years ago, and 8,300,000 bushels three years ago.

The Whale Catch.

The whale catch for the season of 1901 is reported to be the smallest in years, the total take amounting to but twenty-eight whales. A year ago there were 200,000 pounds of whalebone in the American market, but by October 15 of this year the supply had declined to 78,500. At a recent sale the price of whalebone per pound was quoted at $2.50, and New Bedford dealers say it will advance to $4 a pound. These and a few other facts indicate that the once important whale fishery is fast approaching the end. In 1846 the American fleet consisted of 722 vessels, with a tonnage of 231,406, and the catch of that year was worth $21,000,000. Eight years later the value of the fishery in oil and bone had declined to $10,700,521, and in 1880 it was $2,659,725. By 1894 the United States had only eighty-five vessels engaged in the business, and the receipts fell to $982,000. The present scarcity of whales may be illustrated by comparison with the catch of 1893, when the American Arctic fleet took 204 bowhead whales, worth $180,000. Mineral oils and substitutes for whalebone have seriously damaged the trade, but if a new fishing ground could be discovered it would be profitable. The Antarctic seas have been explored, but with poor success. In another fifty years there will probably be no whaling industry. Sea after sea has been depleted of the whalebone variety, and the San Francisco fleet is having poorer luck every year in the Arctic.—Bradstreets.

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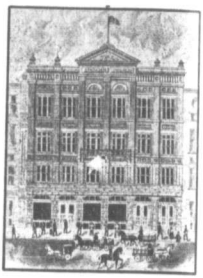

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