

### Winter Fair Prize List

The prize-list of the Saskatchewan Winter Fair, including the fat-stock show, horse show, pure-bred cattle sale, and poultry show, has been put in circulation. The dates set are March 23 to 26. The classification in all classes is extensive and the prize money liberal. Few shows offer such an opportunity for honorable distinction and to secure prize money as the winter fairs. Fat stock entered is invariably sold for prices a little above the market quotations, which, added to the money won on the live animal is generous compensation for the time and feed used in fitting stock. The feeders of the champion steers last year at Regina and Brandon realized something over \$200 each on their animals.

### The "Josh Billing" Letter Caught on

"These was a lot of sound common sense framed in language that tickled my sides in that letter of Josh Billing's. I wish he would give us some more."

"Josh Billing" should give us some more of his experiences, we farmers enjoy that kind of humor, especially when it is mixed with so much sound advice."

"I was delighted to see that we have such a genuine humorist among our farmers, keep it up, Josh, you did not crowd all your experiences into that one letter."

Boiling eggs without water is a new departure in some of the large hotels of Chicago, the process being an idea worked out by Prof. Ratke of the Armour institute in his experiments with electricity. The water boils the eggs for you after you are seated at the dining table. He brings a little box-like machine to the table, puts in the required number of eggs, turns on the electricity, and in one minute and a half the eggs are done to a turn, perfectly boiled, and yet no water present in which to boil them.

### The World's Oat Crop

Broomhall in his latest estimates of the 1908 grain crop of the world shows in the following table the oat crop of this and previous years.

WORLD'S OAT CROP.—Qrs. 304 lbs.			
Official returns given when obtainable.			
	1908.	1907.	1906.
Argentina.....	5,900,000	3,200,000	1,300,000
Algeria.....	800,000	988,000	741,000
Austria-Hungary.....	23,000,000	24,700,000	26,100,000
Belgium.....	3,800,000	3,600,000	3,628,000
Bulgaria.....	1,200,000	1,000,000	1,200,000
Canada.....	34,000,000	22,320,000	22,200,000
Denmark.....	4,500,000	4,000,000	4,800,000
France.....	35,050,000	37,150,000	31,100,000
Germany.....	63,500,000	66,400,000	61,200,000
Holland.....	2,200,000	2,350,000	2,279,000
Italy.....	2,000,000	2,500,000	2,000,000
Roumania.....	2,000,000	2,100,000	3,200,000
Russia.....	97,000,000	95,600,000	75,200,000
Sweden.....	8,300,000	7,900,000	7,600,000
U. K.....	23,000,000	23,100,000	21,800,000
U. S. A.....	98,500,000	94,300,000	120,900,000
Totals.....	404,750,000	391,808,000	385,248,000

## MARKETS

Wheat sentiment was bullish in the early part of the week. On Tuesday, following the report of a decrease of two million bushels in the visible supply, the markets reacted strongly and at Winnipeg the advance over the previous day's close was approximately two cents on milling grades. This reported decrease in visible was augmented in its effect by the serious condition of the American winter wheat. Drought has been damaging the growing crop rather badly in the winter wheat states. In Kansas the crop is not yet above ground.

Following this on Wednesday came reverse action. The advance of the day previous had been made chiefly in American markets. Liverpool did not respond and the report of heavy rains in the Argentine caused a slump from Tuesday's level. All along it has been held that dry weather in the southern Argentine country was seriously damaging the growing crop and with the report of moisture a toning down of prices was to be expected. With this reported improvement in the south, European demand, which has been active all season, fell off a little and wheat sagged a trifle more.

At the same time bearish sentiment is developing in respect to the Australian crop. It is definitely certain that the South American Republic and the island continent will have much less wheat to export next year than this.

Towards the close of the week the markets again went on the up turn. Decrease in export demand during the fore part of the week had the effect of diminishing the supply in line for export and with

this an upward reaction set in. The world's situation is strong. News generally is bullish in tone. Deliveries through Winnipeg continue heavy. A million and a half bushels passed through during the twenty-four hours ending at noon on Friday. The run for the week for all grains was over six hundred cars per day. Coarse grains show little change. Prices for all grades for the week period were:

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
No. 1 North-ern.....	101½	103½	102½	102½	102½	102½
No. 2 North-ern.....	98½	100	99½	98½	99	99
No. 3 North-ern.....	96	97½	97	96½	96½	96½
No. 4.....	92½	93½	93½	93	93½	93½
No. 5.....	89½	90½	90½	90	90½	90½
No. 6.....	83½	84½	84½	84	84½	84½
Feed.....	73½	74½	74½	74½	74½	75
No. 1 Alber-ta Red.....	102½	103½	103½	102½	103	103
No. 2 Alber-ta Red.....	99½	100½	100½	99½	100	100
Oats—						
No. 2 White.....	39½	39½	39	38½	39	39
No. 3 White.....	37	37	37	37	37	37
Feed 1.....	36½	36½	36½	36½	36½	37
Feed 2.....	36	36	36	36	36	36
Barley—						
No. 3.....	51	51	51	51	51	51
No. 4.....	48½	48½	48½	48½	48½	49
Feed.....	44	44	44	44	44	44
Flax—						
No. 1 N. W.....	125	126½	127	126	125	123½
No. 1 Man.....	123	124½	125	124	.....	120½

### SPECULATIVE MARKET.

In the situation for the future, nothing of importance has occurred during the week past that in any way alters the forecast of higher prices. The Argentine and Australian crops at the moment are the prominent factors in fixing futures. Rumors of drought in Australia filter through, but nothing authentic in regard to the crop ripening for harvest can be gathered. The situation in both countries is such that sentiment for the next few months must be bullish. One factor that lends strength to the situation is the lack of future selling by South American grain firms, a pretty certain indication that prospects for a bumper crop in that quarter are none too bright. Viewed generally the wheat situation appears one of great strength and further enhancement in values is expected.

Winnipeg option market for the week were as follows:

	Monday—	Open	High	Low	Close
Nov.....	101½	101½	101½	101½	101½
Dec.....	96½	96½	96½	96½	96½
May.....	102½	102½	101½	101½	101½
July.....	104	.....	.....	.....	103½
Tuesday—					
Nov.....	101½	103½	101½	101½	103
Dec.....	96½	97½	96½	96½	97½
May.....	101½	103½	101½	101½	103½
July.....	104	.....	.....	.....	104½
Wednesday—					
Nov.....	103	103	102½	102½	102½
Dec.....	98	98½	97½	97½	97½
May.....	103½	103½	102½	102½	102½
July.....	104½	.....	.....	.....	104½
Thursday—					
Nov.....	102½	102½	101½	101½	102
Dec.....	97½	97½	97	97	97½
May.....	102½	103	102½	102½	102½
July.....	104½	.....	.....	.....	104½
Friday—					
Nov.....	102	102½	102½	102½	102½
Dec.....	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½
May.....	102	102½	102½	102½	102½
July.....	104½	.....	.....	.....	104½
Saturday—					
Nov.....	102½	102½	102½	102½	102½
Dec.....	97½	97½	97½	97½	97½
May.....	103	103	102½	102½	103
July.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104

### PRODUCE AND MILL FEED.

These are wholesale prices at Winnipeg:—	
Net per ton—	
Bran.....	\$18.00
Shorts.....	20.00
Chopped Feeds—	
Barley and oats.....	26.50
Barley.....	25.50
Oats.....	27.50

### BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

Fancy fresh made creamery bricks ..	30
Boxes, 14 to 28 lbs.....	26 @ 27
DAIRY BUTTER—	
Extra fancy prints.....	23 @ 25
Dairy, in tubs.....	20 @ 23
CHEESE—	
Manitoba cheese at Winnipeg.....	13½ @ 13½
Eastern cheese.....	14 @ 14½
EGGS—	
Manitoba, fresh-gathered, f.o.b. Win-nipeg.....	24 @ 25

### HAY.

Prices are on the track in carload lots at Winnipeg. Prairie hay, baled..... \$ 7.50 @ \$ 8.50 Timothy..... 10.00 @ 12.00 Red Top..... 7.50 @ 8.00 Baled Straw..... 5.00

### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bushel, in carlots.....	37½ @ .40
Carrots, per cwt.....	50
Beets.....	50
Turnips, per cwt.....	35
Man. celery, per doz.....	25
Cabbage, per cwt.....	55
Onions, per cwt.....	1.30 @ 1.35

### HIDES (Delivered in Winnipeg)

Packer hides, No. 1.....	7 @ 8
Branded steer hides.....	7½ @ 7
Country hides.....	6 @ 7
Calf skins.....	9 @ 10½
Kip.....	7 @ 8½

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Manitoba wool.....	8 @ 8
Territory wool.....	31 @ 33
Seneca root.....	20 @ 25

### POULTRY.

Turkeys, per lb.....	20
Spring chicken, per lb.....	15
Boiling fowl, per lb.....	12½
Ducks, per lb.....	15
Geese, per lb.....	15

### THE FUR MARKET.

Funsten Bros. & Co., St. Louis, Mo., comment on the fur market as follows: The fur market is opening up and from present indications promises to be a most profitable season for the hunter and trapper, and the man who gets started out early with a good line of traps and animal baits, and sticks to it, is bound to make good money by trapping this winter, as all furs are in good demand and bringing very satisfactory prices. Coon, mink, skunk, muskrat, civet cat, fox, wolf, beaver, otter, lynx, white weasel, etc., are all a big source of profit to the man trapping.

RACCOON—Most of the coon skins of this country are made into coats, and with prospects of a severe winter should prove a very desirable article and bring satisfactory prices.

MINK is opening up strong and is in splendid demand. Prospects look good for tip top prices, especially on the better grade.

SKUNK has opened higher than last season, and should be one of the best articles on the list. Properly taken care of, the skunk will be a good source of profit.

MUSKRAT is in fine demand and opening on a higher basis than last season. Fall and winter rats will be a very profitable article for the trapper.

FOXES, especially the choice well-furred skins, are wanted and bringing higher prices than usual.

BEAVER and OTTER remain steady with little or no change from last year.

MARTEN, especially the well furred skins, is in good demand at about the closing prices of last season.

LNXYX are scarce and are at the highest point ever known in the fur trade. They are bringing enormous prices. Demand is greater than the supply.

The outlook for the season, taken as whole, is extremely good, and trapping will undoubtedly prove a most profitable pursuit anywhere during the present winter.

### LIVESTOCK.

At Winnipeg for the week past unusually heavy deliveries have been the feature. Exports were forward in large numbers. Six hundred head passed through from the Milk River ranch, mostly Herefords, and practically all went east for export. Prices remain unchanged. The bulk of the exporters are being handled at \$3.75. Hogs are being delivered freely and quotations are unaltered.

Prices are as follows: Export steers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; export cows, \$3.25; butcher cattle, \$2.50 to \$3.00; medium killing stock, \$2.25 to \$3.00; calves, \$4.00; hogs, \$5.50; sheep, \$5.50.

### TORONTO.

A heavy run of stock of medium quality is reported. Prices are unchanged. Export steers, \$4.80 to \$5.25; export bulls, \$3.75 to \$4.25; choice butchers, \$4.40 to \$4.60; common, \$3.35 to \$3.60; stockers, \$3.25 to \$3.75; lambs, \$4.40 to \$4.70; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.40; hogs \$5.75 to \$5.90.

### CHICAGO.

Heavy deliveries seem to have been the feature at all live-stock markets on the continent last week. At the Union Stock Yards, all previous records in receipts were broken. On Monday the run of native beef cattle was over 47000 head. Large receipts sent prices down and lessened demand. Offerings of Canadian cattle since last report include twelve loads sent from Eagle Butte, Alberta and Battle Creek, Sask. Prices for steers were \$4.65 to \$5.85 which was within 15 cents of the top for rangers the day sold. The different grades of killing stuff are ranging \$3.25 to \$7.50; hogs, \$5.35 to \$5.95; sheep, \$3.75 to \$4.50; butts, \$5.25 to \$5.75.