

the largest business in dressed poultry as follows: No. 1 dressed chickens, 12-13 cents a pound; fowl, 12-13 cents; turkeys, 21-23 cents; ducks, 15-17 cents; and geese, 15-16 cents. These prices as usual are less express charges only.

Hay

The hay market has got back to normal. The recent slump on account of heavy receipts has passed away and the hay trade is in a good healthy condition, the shipments keeping the local demand nicely supplied.

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week Ending December 20, 1912	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Port Arthur Ter.	1,884,857	1,878,547	756,608
Depot Harbor	286,927	286,927	
Meaford	237,390	237,390	
Midland, Tiffin	1,408,356	1,416,515	180,986
Collingwood	29,390	29,390	
Goderich	714,174	832,045	45,453
Sarnia, Pt. Ed.	338,028		20,140
Port Colborne	363,063		
Toronto			
Kingston	23,570	68,000	37,000
Prescott			
Quebec	1,880	85,800	1,650
Montreal	553,388	1,435,036	46,878
St. John, N.B.			
Victoria Harbor	2,970,000	691,000	283,000
Totals	12,121,796	6,047,186	1,889,115
In vessels in Canadian Ter. Har.	1,984,690	1,228,265	484,736
At Buffalo and Duluth	5,286,623	90,000	110,000
Total	17,393,111	7,365,451	1,883,851
Total last week	12,564,497	6,458,984	1,797,386
Total last year	16,731,319	5,155,501	1,84,918

(Including alfalfa.)
At Midland and Tiffin are 39,990 U.S. wheat and 78,490 U.S. oats in bond.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Friday's rumor of a Canadian wheat shortage proving groundless Saturday, but wheat led other grains downward, closing $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ lower, while corn and oats receded $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$, and unchanged to $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ respectively. Friday's sharp bulge in wheat was based largely on a report that a private authority had estimated the Canadian crop at 5,000,000 bushels less than the government figures.

Saturday, responsible officials of the Farm Implement company, to whom rumor had credited the private report declared that they had received no advice of the nature rumored.

The spot market was dull and excellent harvesting weather reported from Argentina. Around 91 cents for May, the market developed resting orders, and the close was heavy at a shade over the price. May ranged between 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ and 91, closing at 91 $\frac{1}{4}$.

In corn the situation remained unchanged with regard to the news and prices followed wheat. May sold between 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$, closing easy $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ down at 49 $\frac{1}{2}$. Shipping demand was slow.

The oats fluctuated narrowly and trade was featureless. The quantity available for delivery on December contracts increased. May ranged between 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 33 $\frac{1}{4}$, closing $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ down at the latter figure.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Closing prices on today's market was as follows:

Manitoba No. 1 Nor.	\$1.09
Manitoba No. 2 Nor.	1.06
Manitoba No. 3 Nor.	1.04
December	1.05
March	1.05
May	1.05

Wheat market opened $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ higher with shorts in March covering on bullish American private advices and firmer American cables. There is an improved demand from the continent and cargoes are steadily held. Following the opening there was a disposition to realize and prices declined $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ on the sharp advance in console at the close, decline at Buenos Ayres and the continued good weather in Argentina for harvesting and movement and confirmed reports of very little damage from the recent rain. Expectations are for heavy American shipments this week. At the close the market easy, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ off from the opening, and $\frac{1}{4}$ lower than yesterday.

Corn opened $\frac{1}{4}$ higher and later further advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ with the strength in Piste grade. There is a good demand from Spain. Freer purchases of American for January and February shipment are noted.

NATIONAL GRAIN STOOKER

Some inquiries in regard to the National Grain Stooker company, of Winnipeg, have come to The Guide. We understand that there are farmer shareholders of this company all over the West, and will be glad to hear from a number of them stating as to whether they have seen stookers manufactured by this company in operation, and if so, with what success. Also we would like to know from the shareholders upon what terms and representation the stock was sold.

THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE.

Excited Passenger (as train whizzes by)
—But I thought that train stopped here.
Cabby—It ought to, but there is a little coolness between the engineer and the station master, so it never does.

She—In a way, getting married is like using the telephone.

He—How so?

She—One doesn't always get the party one wants.

DIRECT LEGISLATION BANQUET

Supporters of Direct Legislation from all parts of Manitoba met in Winnipeg on Friday, December 20, and exchanged mutual congratulations upon the progress which this democratic movement is making in Canada. At the annual meeting of the Direct Legislation league of Manitoba, held at the Industrial Bureau in the afternoon, the whole of the officers were re-elected, with the addition of E. D. Martin and Professor Mobius to the advisory board, and it was decided to invite the Political Equality league to affiliate and appoint representatives to the executive. In the evening a very successful banquet was held, at which speeches were delivered by Dr. J. N. Hutchinson, president, Dr. S. G. Bland, R. L. Richardson, T. A. Crerar, R. L. Scott, treasurer, and F. J. Dixon, organizer.

The annual report presented at the business meeting by the organizer was as follows:

"Our executive committee has requested me to report progress. On the whole our cause has prospered during the past year. A large number of meetings have been held, and our membership has been more than doubled. I have addressed 140 meetings in Manitoba on the subject of Direct Legislation. The aggregate attendance at these meetings was 9,000, making an average of 64 persons to each meeting. The number ranged from 6 up to 600. It is a happy omen for our cause that we are receiving requests for speakers to address all sorts and conditions of men. During the past year our speakers have addressed the Presbyterian Synod, the Methodist Conference, the annual meeting of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association, a number of church clubs, Sunday school picnics, Epworth Leagues, organizations and trade unions and open air meetings, on the market square and at the railway shops.

Membership Grows

"One of the most successful propaganda meetings of the season was the banquet held in Manitoba hall on May 6. About 225 representative citizens of Winnipeg attended this banquet, and a number of splendid speeches were made. During the past year we have secured over 800 new members to our league, and have distributed about 40,000 pieces of literature.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the press for the splendid support which it has given our cause, especially The Grain Grower's Guide, The Voice, the Winnipeg Tribune and the Manitoba Free Press.

Progress Further West

"In addition to the work we have done in Manitoba, we assisted in the formation of a Direct Legislation league for Saskatchewan, of which S. J. Farmer is now organizer. The government of that province is bringing in a bill at this session to establish Direct Legislation. In Alberta the government is also working upon a Direct Legislation bill. One of the most hopeful signs is the fact that both parties are unanimous for Direct Legislation in our sister provinces. We deeply regret that our premier has seen fit to denounce the active workers of our league as 'dangerous demagogues,' and on several occasions has spoken against Direct Legislation. We are, however, circulating a petition which will be presented to the Legislature in the spring asking that a vote of the people be taken on this question. We believe that we shall be able to get a majority of the voters of the province to sign this petition and we hope that the premier will bow to the will of the people.

In the Cities

"In addition to the provincial movement for Direct Legislation, the cities are also coming our way. The city of St. John adopted a new charter last spring which places the city under the commission form of government with the initiative, referendum and recall. Vancouver will come under this system on Jan. 1, 1913. The ratepayers of Lethbridge voted on this question on Dec. 9, and by an overwhelming majority decided in favor of the commission form of government with the initiative, referendum and recall. We have good reason to be pleased with the progress our cause is making, but we



GRAIN SHIPPERS

Now that the present outlets for grain shipments are pretty well congested, it will be necessary for considerable grain to again move via some of the American points in bond, as well as all rail east. Our connections enable us to give you the destination most advisable in order that you may be able to make an early and prompt disposition of your grain. Send us samples and advise when you are ready to ship and we will be pleased to let you know where best to forward it to.

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must not cease our efforts to establish Direct Legislation in Manitoba as speedily as possible. The need for it becomes more apparent every day."

SHORT COURSE IN POULTRY HUSBANDRY

The Poultry Department of Manitoba Agricultural college, Winnipeg, Canada, will give its first short course on "The Care and Management of Poultry" this winter, from January 8 to 29, 1913. This is the first short course of its kind ever offered to the people of Western Canada interested in poultry. It is held at a time of the year when farm work is quite slack, thus giving the farmer, his wife, son or daughter a splendid opportunity of spending three weeks studying poultry at our college, and, with the information gained, go back to the farm and make poultry-keeping a better paying branch of their farm work. This course also offers inducements to the poultry breeder to become better acquainted with the various breeds of poultry, and their care and management.

Equipment

On the college poultry plant there are poultry houses of various types and designs, having a capacity of five hundred head of poultry. There is a large lecture room in the poultry building, to be used for the lecture work; a killing room, for demonstration in killing, plucking and dressing poultry for the market; besides an incubator room and feed rooms. The poultry on the plant consists of twenty-two different varieties of chickens, five breeds of ducks, four of geese, and two of turkeys, all of which are available for lecture work and demonstration purposes. On the plant are seven colony houses, also various makes and sizes of incubators and brooders, fattening crates, feed hoppers, brood coops, egg crates, and models of poultry houses and appliances.

In the three weeks available for this course, lectures, demonstrations and practical exercises will be given on the

most important points of poultry management.

Lectures

Some of the topics which will be discussed in the lectures are—

The importance of the poultry industry; poultry-keeping as a branch of mixed farming; location, design and construction of poultry buildings; types and breeds of poultry, their origin, history and development; principles of breeding; selection and breeding for egg production; incubation; brooding and rearing chicks; fattening, killing and dressing poultry for the market.

Seventy-five per cent of the poultry products placed on our Winnipeg markets are produced outside the Province. With dressed poultry selling at 25c a pound, and new-laid eggs scarce at up to 60c a dozen, we cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of raising more poultry on our Manitoba farms.

This course offers a splendid opportunity to learn how to make poultry raising pay. Men and women interested in poultry will be admitted to this course, provided their application has been accepted. Application blanks and full information may be obtained by writing for our calendar.

Students must be at the college for registration on the morning of Wednesday, January 8. Classes will begin at 1.30 p.m. on the same day. The regular classes will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning, and at 1.30 in the afternoon. Registration fee of three dollars (\$3.00) will be charged all students, the same to be paid at the Bursar's office when registering.

KILLED HIMSELF

"You say he died from a single blow administered by himself?"

"Certainly."

"But it isn't possible."

"Yes, it is."

"But how did he do it?"

"Blew out the gas?"

"Oh!"