Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts

(Week Ending Feb. 17)

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C.P.R.	481	1663	1
C.N.R.	249	1174	4
G.T.P.	1	151	nil.
Total last week	731	2988	5
Total prev. week	458	1782	249
Total year ago	691	2140	nil.

Cattle

Good butcher cattle are still bringing satisfactory prices, and one load of choice stuff from Glenboro, Man., sold at $6.35 a cwt. yesterday (Tuesday) morning. These weighed between 1,150 and 1,200 lbs. and were a very fine lot of cattle. There have been very few of this kind on the market lately, however, and only occasional lots have sold above $6.00. There is a considerable quantity of frozen beef in the city at the present time, and this keeps the common and medium grades at comparatively low prices. Bulls are worth from $3.25 to $4.25, and common and medium cows from $3.00 to $4.00, best fat cows selling for a quarter more. The prospects are for a continuation of present prices for good butcher cattle. There does not appear to be much young stuff in the country, and Pat Burns is buying in Alberta at $6.50 for April and May delivery. The Eastern markets are under supplied, and if they go a little higher there will be a strong demand for our cattle for export.

Hogs

Hogs are down 25 cents, the best selling this week for $7.25 a cwt. This is still well above Eastern prices, and though live hogs are not being brought West to any great extent now, considerable quantities of ham and bacon are being imported.

Sheep and Lambs

There have been no sheep on sale for some days. Packers are offering $4.50 to $5.00 for best killing sheep and a dollar a cwt. better for yearlings.

Country Produce

Butter

Butter prices are again a little higher, the supply from country points being small. Fancy dairy is bringing 32 to 33 cents, No. 1 28 to 30 and good round lots 25 cents.

Eggs

Eggs are quoted lower, though very few are coming in from the country. A good portion of the supply is now being brought from Kansas, and it is stated that strictly fresh eggs can be brought from there and laid down in Winnipeg at 31 cents a dozen. About the same price is being paid for the few new laid eggs received from Manitoba points, and two cents less for held stock.

Potatoes

The potato situation is unchanged. They are reaching the city a little more freely now, and are bringing from 80 to 90 cents according to quality.

Milk and Cream

There is no change in milk and cream prices. The proposal to form a co-operative society for the handling and distribution of milk in Winnipeg is being considered by the newly formed Milk Producers' association, but nothing definite has yet been decided upon.

Dressed Poultry

There is a fairly good demand for poultry in the city at present, and 13 to 14 cents per pound is offered by retailers for good quality fowl dry plucked, undrawn and well starved before killing. Ducks similarly prepared are worth 18 cents, and geese 16 cents. Turkeys are a glut on the market, and are not bringing more than 18 or 19 cents.

Hay

Hay is very cheap, No. 1 wild being down to $6 and No. 2 a dollar less. Timothy $12 a ton. Our No. 2 is worth $10.50 at Minneapolis, but the duty of $4.00 per long ton (2,240 lbs.) prevents it being shipped south. The reciprocity agreement, it may be remembered, removed the duty on hay.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 19—Lower prices were recorded at the opening of the market, the cause being large receipts of wheat. The local pit, however, showed signs of congestion on the short side. Paucity of offerings soon turned the decline into a sharp rally, and while there was from time to time a tendency to sink back, underlying strength disclosed very good rallying power, a factor which had been heretofore lacking. While there was doubt of important liquidation in Chicago which forced May future below the dollar level, no distressed accounts were in evidence locally, implying that here the pit had been well cleaned out of weak holdings. As Minneapolis May is still above the most recent extreme low quotation of $1.02⅞, no special weakness is anticipated unless the market gets under the price. Nevertheless, opinion is growing that the local market is headed for $1. This may be, of course, the usual increase of bearishness which grows in all declining markets.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Feb. 19.—It looked today as if the bull clique in wheat was switching from the May option to July. The sales of the early month jabbed the price down under the July mark, but the close was firm and above par.

Latest trading left quotations varying from a shade off to ¼ up as compared with 48 hours before. Corn finished unchanged to ¼ lower, and oats at an advance of ⅛ to ¼.

Big receipts of wheat at all primary centres in the United States led the pit to ignore for a time the relative firmness at Liverpool, due to a decrease in stocks at that port. Instead of giving any attention to foreign news most of the active speculators had their eyes on figures showing that wheat was piling into the chief western terminals at a rate twice as rapid as a year ago. A falling off in the visible supply total had some effect as an offset but was discounted as having been expected. As the session advanced, however, there was a substantial upturn on account of short covering. The renewed firmness, especially in July and September, was explained as partly the result of fear over the fact that the crop scare period was just at hand.

Corn switched with wheat. The heavy movement from the farms though tended to keep prices from recovering as readily as for the more expensive grains. Bears were inclined to be gleeful over predictions of more than a thousand carloads to reach Chicago tomorrow.

Despite some weakness at the start oats appeared to have no lack of friends. Bulls reinstated to a considerable extent.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

Liverpool, Feb. 19.—John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, cable today that prices were well maintained in the Birkenhead market and Saturday's quotations, which were for both Canadian and States steers, from 14 to 14½c. per pound, remain unchanged.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Union Stock Yards' receipts 83 cars with 1,610 head of cattle and 50 calves, 167 sheep and lambs, 155 hogs and 58 horses. Trade fair with prices about steady with last week but not any higher. There was not any too much snap to the market and had run been heavier than it was, it is possible that prices would have suffered. Practically everything was sold, however, and the price generally maintained. A couple of loads of choice heavy steers sold at $6.75. The same buyer also secured three extra choice heavy steers at $7.25. These were of course top prices, the general run of prices for good to choice butchers ranged from $5.40 to $4.40. Sheep and lambs were steady to firm. Hogs were about 5 cents easier at $6.70, fed and watered.

CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—Cattle—Receipts 28,000; market slow and weak. Beeves, $4.65 to $8.50; Texas steers, $4.50 to $5.65; western steers, $4.80 to $6.85; stockers and feeders, $3.80 to $6.10; cows and heifers, $2.00 to $6.40; calves, $5.75 to $8.00.

Hogs—Receipts 69,000; market active at decline. Light, $5.80 to $6.20; mixed, $5.85 to $6.25; heavy, $5.90 to $6.25; rough, $5.95 to $6.00; pigs, $4.25 to $4.90; bulk of sales, $6.10 to $6.20.

Sheep—Receipts 25,000; market steady. Native, $3.50 to 4.80; western, $3.60 to $4.85; yearlings, $4.80 to $5.75; lambs, native, $4.30 to $6.75; western, $4.75 to $6.80.

How to make the land attractive and induce people to live on it is, perhaps, the greatest Imperial problem we have to deal with.—Mr. Ben Morgan.

Farm Problems

Any reader of The Guide who wishes an answer to any problem on the farm can have them answered in this column. These questions are valuable to all farmers, and should assist them to a more profitable return for their labors. All questions are answered without charge. Answers by the Correspondence School of Scientific Farming, Winnipeg.

GUMBO SOIL

Enquirer:—Would you be good enough to give me some information on the following? 1. Is gumbo soil alkali soil? 2. Is there a remedy for gumbo soil before the soil has been mellowed by a few seasons of cropping.

Answer:—1. Gumbo soil is not necessarily alkali, but very often this is the case.

2. There is really no remedy for gumbo before the soil has been cultivated, but it can be helped by applying thoroughly rotted manure. Great assistance is given in plowing deep in the fall and turning up the soil to the action of the frost which pulverizes it and makes it easy to work in the spring. You will not be able to plow very deep the first year, but will have to make a practice of plowing gradually deeper every year. One of the strong points in favor of the tractor plows is that they will permit of deeper plowing in the fall when the ground is hard than can be done with horses. It is advisable to be liberal in the use of manure as the soil needs large supplies of humus. After you have plowed in the fall and the frost has done its work it will only be necessary to harrow down well in the spring and seed to wheat followed with oats and barley.

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE — CORRECTED TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

WINNIPEG GRAIN	Tue.	W'k Ago	Y'r Ago
Cash Wheat			
No. 1 Nor.	96¼	97	90⅛
No. 2 Nor.	93¼	94	88
No. 3 Nor.	88⅛	89	85¼
No. 4	82¼	83	80¼
No. 5	70¼	..	73⅛
No. 6	60	..	..
Feed	56	57¼	61
Cash Oats			
No. 2 C.W.	40⅛	41	30¾
Cash Barley			
No. 3	..	..	57
Cash Flax			
No. 1 N.W.	180	180	247
Wheat Futures			
May (old)	100⅛	101⅛	93¾
May (new)	101⅛	101⅛	..
July	102⅛	102⅛	94⅞
Oats Futures			
May	43¾	44	33¾
July	43⅞	43⅛	34⅞
Flax Futures			
May	180	180	253
July	..	..	245

WINNIPEG LIVE STOCK	Tuesday	Week Ago	Year Ago
Cattle	$ c. $ c.	$ c. $ c.	$ c. $ c.
Extra choice steers	5.50-6.25	.....	.....
Choice butcher steers and heifers	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	5.75-6.00
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	4.25-4.75	4.25-4.75	4.75-5.00
Best fat cows	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25	4.75-5.00
Medium cows	3.25-4.00	3.25-4.00	4.25-4.50
Common Cows	3.00-3.25	3.00-3.25	3.25-3.50
Best bulls	3.50-4.25	3.50-4.25	3.50-4.00
Common and medium bulls	3.25-3.75	3.25-3.75	3.00-3.25
Choice veal calves	6.00-6.50	5.75-6.25	5.00
Common to medium calves	4.50-5.50	4.00-5.00	4.00-4.50
Best milkers and springers (each)	$45-$60	$45-$60	.....
Com'n milkers and springers (each)	$25-$35	$25-$35	.....
Hogs			
Choice hogs	$7.25	$7.50	$8.00
Rough sows	$6.25	$6.25	6.00-7.00
Stags	$5.25	$5.25	5.25-5.75
Sheep and Lambs			
Choice lambs	5.50-6.00	5.50-5.75	5.75-6.00
Best killing sheep	4.50-5.00	4.50-4.75	5.25-5.50

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Tuesday	Week Ago	Year Ago
Butter (per lb.)			
Fancy dairy	32c-33c	32c	24c-25c
No. 1 dairy	28c-30c	27c-28c	20c
Good round lots	25c	24c-25c	18c-19c
Eggs (per doz.)			
Strictly fresh	31c	37c	21c
Subject to candling	29c	32c	..
Potatoes			
Per bushel	80c-90c	85c	80c-90c
Milk and Cream			
Sweet cream (per lb. butter fat)	40c	40c	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)	35c	35c	.. ..
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2.00	$2.00	.....
Dressed Poultry			
Chickens	14c	16c	18c-20c
Fowl	13c-14c	12½c	12c
Ducks	18c	16c	20c
Geese	16c	16c	18c
Turkeys	18c	18c-20c	23c
Hay (per ton)			$ c. $ c
No. 1 Wild	$6	$7	12.00-12.50
No. 2 Wild	$5	$6	11.00-11.50
No. 1 Timothy	$12	$12	17.00