The Farmers' Market

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, December 9, 1918.

OATS—Prices are a little lower than a week ago. May futures are 1¼ cents down, and cash prices about 2 cents down. The daily markets have been generally dull and narrow, with sentiment mostly on the bear side. Early in the week the corn markets in the United States were quite strong, but later their prices for cash corn broke several cents. There has been no export demand for our oats, and very little domestic demand.

BARLEY—This market continues very dull, with very indifferent demand. Country shippers are holding firmly for higher prices. With the continuation of restrictions on brewing and malting, and the cessation of the use of wheat-flour substitutes, there will probably be no improvement in the demand for choice barley until export demand arises.

FLAX—With the end of the lake shipments, lower prices have come. Crushers report a quiet market for flax seed products, and a heavier movement of Argentine stocks. Cash flax is selling 53 cents lower than a week ago.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	December 3	4	5	6	7	9	Week ago	Year ago
Oats—								
Dec.	80⅝	80⅝	79⅛	79⅛	78⅛	78⅛	81⅛	....
May	84⅛	84⅛	....	83⅛	82⅞	83⅛	84⅛	78⅛
Barley—								
Dec.	104⅞	105⅛	104⅛	104⅛	103⅛	104⅛	105	....
May	111⅛	112	111⅛	111	110⅞	110⅞	111⅛	....
Flax—								
Dec.	334	329⅛	323	324⅛	322	326⅛	337	....
May	338	336⅛	330	331	329	334⅛	341⅛	295⅛

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday Dec. 4, was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Moose Jaw	Wheat	5,850	21,583	1,289,106
"	Oats	97,221	25,982	325,935
"	Barley	4,365	3,343	31,894
"	Flax	236	.....	608
"	Rye	1,541	.....	1,541
Calgary	Wheat	66,722	12,665	994,902
"	Oats	106,002	30,901	553,166
"	Barley	34,726	7,030	113,574
"	Flax	.....	.....	759
"	Rye	8,770	.....	14,309
"	Tim.	.....	.....	77,175
"	Med.'s Grain	.....	.....	197,440
Saskatoon	Wheat	30,267	9,863	572,464
"	Oats	72,812	8,035	249,857
"	Barley	16,333	2,854	49,965
"	Flax	.....	.....	736

THE CASH TRADE

OATS—Fair demand at ½ cent over December for No. 3 whites. No. 4 whites harder to sell. No. 3 white closed at 68½ to 69 cents; No. 4 white oats at 65½ to 68½ cents.

RYE—Good demand at 1½ cents under January for No. 2. No. 2 rye closed at $1.58½ to $1.59.

BARLEY—Market unchanged to 2 cents lower, all except high color offerings lower. Prices closed at 84 to 93 cents.

FLAXSEED—Firm at 3 to 5 cents over December for No. 1 spot and 1 to 3 cents over for to arrive. No. 1 seed closed at $3.45½ to $3.47½ on spot and $3.44½ to $3.47½ to arrive.

The Livestock Market

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 7.—The United Grain Growers Limited Livestock Department reports receipts of livestock for sale at the Union Stock Yards, St. Boniface, for the week ending Wednesday, December 7, 1918, were as follows: Cattle, 7,388; sheep and lambs, 278; calves, 187; hogs, 9,643.

A fair to steady run of stock has been maintained during the entire week with prices on everything except canner stuff quotably from one to two cents up. The Abattoirs are buying the lighter stuff more freely and there is no difficulty in disposing of the better class stuff at considerably higher prices than a week ago. Prices for veal calves and heavy stock calves have advanced about one cent, while well-bred stock heifers are increasingly in demand in the country, and we look to see prices continue firm. Both the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Governments are in the market for good breedy heifers, and an increasing number are being received from farmers for good class stocker and feeder steers.

The sheep and lamb market is very poor with not as many good ones offering. The demand for good young breeding ewes is strong but none coming forward. Select hogs are quotably 25 cents to 50 cents higher, with the lower grades being taken at steady prices with the exception of very light hogs for which there is a very poor demand.

The general tone of the market is strong with all indications pointing to it continuing so, and we would advise all farmers who have plenty of feed to hold their stock until well finished as the spreads between finished and unfinished stuff have never before been so great. Shippers are reminded that Christmas week will soon be here, and to avoid being on the market during that period as trading is generally slower and prices consequently a little draggy.

The following is a summary of prevailing prices:—

FIXED WHEAT PRICES

	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	Tf1	Tf2	Tf3
Fixed	224½	221½	217½	211½	199½	190½	212½	212½	208½
Year ago	231	218	215	209	194	185	215	212	207

Butcher Cattle

Extra choice steers	$13.00 to $14.00
Choice heavy steers	11.00 to 12.00
Medium to good steers	9.50 to 11.00
Fair to medium steers	8.00 to 9.00
Common to fair steers	7.00 to 8.00
Choice fat heifers	9.00 to 10.50
Good to choice cows	8.50 to 9.00
Fair to good cows	6.50 to 8.00
Canner to cutter cows	4.50 to 6.25
Best fat oxen	7.50 to 8.00
Canner and cutter oxen	5.00 to 7.25
Fat weighty bulls	7.50 to 8.00
Bologna bulls	5.50 to 7.00
Fat lambs	12.00 to 13.00
Sheep	7.00 to 9.00
Veal calves	7.50 to 9.00

Stockers and Feeders

Choice weighty good colored feeders	$ 9.00 to $10.50
Common to good stockers and feeders	7.00 to 9.00
Best milkers and springers	$5.00 to $120.00
Fair milkers and springers	50.00 to 80.00

Hogs

Selects fed and watered	$18.00
Straight heavies	$14.00 to 17.00
Light hogs	7.00 to 15.00
Sows	12.00 to 14.00
Stags	10.00 to 11.00
Boars	6.00 to 9.00

CALGARY

Calgary, December 6.—The Livestock Department of the United Grain Growers Limited report this week's receipts as follows: Horses, 219; cattle, 3,542; hogs, 2,064; sheep, 4,131. Receipts for the corresponding week last year were: Horses, 563; cattle, 4,711; hogs, 2,512; sheep, 1,542.

There was a pretty heavy run of cattle this week, the bulk of which were butcher cattle. The market opened out strong and active, but towards the end of the week the demand was slower as the price seemed out of reach of the packers, and nearly everything that exceeded 13 cents was sold to speculators. We quote choice heavy steers $12 to $13.50; medium butcher steers, $11 to $12 and common light killing steers $9.50 to $10. Fat cows were strong, the best selling from $7.00 to $8.00, with an occasional sale up to $8.25. Medium cows 6.50 to $7.00 and canners and cutters from $4.50 up. Bulls were active, the best realized $6.00 to $6.50, with medium bulls $5.50 to $6.00; the best oxen brought from $7.00 to $8.00, with a better demand for common oxen at from $5.50 to 6.50. During the early portion of the week the stocker trade was brisk and the supply on hand was not equal to the demand, but later on heavier supplies came in and the stocker steers brought from 8 to 9 cents and yearling steers $6.50 to $7.50, stock cows and heifers from $6.00 to $6.50 and veal calves, of which there were few offered, $6.50 to $7.00.

Top price on cattle a year ago, $9.50.

With a heavier run of hogs of good quality and an active market, prices slightly strengthened. We sold our Thursday hogs at $17.90 to $18, and Friday's hogs $18.10.

Top price on hogs a year ago, $16.60

The sheep market is weak and only the very best lambs and wethers meet with any competition, poor quality stuff is not wanted especially ewes, and the demand for breeding sheep is very slow.

We quote choice lambs $12 to $12.25; wethers, $10.50 to $11.25 and fat ewes $9.00 to $10.

The market has strengthened fully a dollar in the past two weeks, and we anticipate that prices will hold for the coming week. It is doubtful if heavy steers will show much increase for a few weeks as the local packers cannot pay more for cattle for government war contracts and it is solely the speculators that are boosting the market on a few exceptionally choice cattle.

TORONTO

December 4, 1918.

Dunn and Levack report: We had very heavy supplies of cattle here this week. The receipts on Monday being about 9,000 cattle. The quality was generally common. There was a good demand for good to choice butcher cattle and heavy-weight steers, and they were readily picked up at about steady prices. All classes of medium cattle were from ¼ to ½ cent per pound lower. There was a very good demand here for canner cows. They opened on Monday at about 5½ cents per pound, and are selling today at from $5.50 to $5.60 per cwt. Mixed light weight loads of steers and heifers (off-colored), are selling at from 6¼ to 6½ cents per pound, according to weight and quality. The demand for stockers is very limited. Only a few good steers, that is the better class with good colors, are wanted. Other grades are slow of sale and considerably lower. Good heavy butcher cows are making satisfactory prices, while medium butcher cows are slow. A few good milch cows and springers will sell at good prices, while ordinary cows are rather hard to sell. There is not much demand for them. Considering the heavy supplies and the quality of the cattle, the market prices are very satisfactory, and we think the present is a good time to ship.

We had the heaviest supplies of sheep and lambs on record and the prices are some lower. For hogs this week we were making 17¾ cents per pound, f.o.b. and 18¼ cents per pound, fed and watered.

The prospects are that prices for most classes of livestock will hold about steady. The outlook is favorable for good butchers and canner cows. Mixed off-colored cattle will hold about steady.

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, Dec. 3 to 9, inclusive

Date	Wheat Feed	OATS 2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY 3 CW	4 CW	Rej.	Fd.	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	RYE 2 CW
Dec. 3	—	80⅞	77⅞	77⅞	76⅞	72⅞	104⅞	99⅞	87⅞	85⅞	350	351	309	160
4	—	80⅞	77⅞	77⅞	75⅞	72⅞	105⅞	100⅞	88⅞	86⅞	336⅞	326⅞	304⅞	160
5	—	79⅞	76⅞	76⅞	74⅞	71⅞	104⅞	99⅞	88⅞	86⅞	325	320	298	160
6	—	79	76	76	74⅞	71	104⅞	99⅞	88	86	326	320	299	158
7	—	78⅞	75⅞	75⅞	73⅞	70⅞	103⅞	98⅞	87⅞	85⅞	324	319	297	155
9	—	79⅞	75⅞	75⅞	75⅞	70⅞	104⅞	99⅞	87⅞	85⅞	427	323⅞	02⅞3	155
Week ago	—	81⅞	78⅞	78⅞	76⅞	73⅞	105⅞	100⅞	87⅞	85⅞	355		312	160
Year ago	173	80⅞	77⅞	77⅞	73⅞	70⅞	128	123	112	112	301	294⅞		

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Dec. 7	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary Dec. 6	Toronto Dec. 4	St. Paul Dec. 4	Chicago Dec. 4
	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Cattle						
Choice steers	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.50	12.00-13.50	14.00-15.00	15.00-15.50	19.50-19.90
Best butcher steers	9.50-11.00	8.00-9.00	11.50-12.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	18.75-19.25
Fair to good butcher steers	8.00-9.00	5.50-8.00	9.50-10.00	8.00-9.00	8.50-9.50	14.50-15.50
Good to choice fat cows	8.50-9.00	7.00-8.25	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.50	7.50-8.50	8.00-11.00
Medium to good cows	6.50-8.00	6.50-6.75	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.50	6.00-7.00	6.50-8.00
Canners	4.50-5.50	4.50-5.00	3.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-4.75	5.75-6.00
Good to choice heifers	9.00-10.50	8.00-8.75	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	7.50-8.00	8.50-9.50
Fair to good heifers	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.75	5.50-6.00	8.00-9.00	5.75-7.00	6.50-7.50
Best oxen	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	.....	.....	.....
Best butcher bulls	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.25	6.00-6.50	9.50-10.00	7.75-8.50	10.00-12.50
Common to bologna bulls	5.50-7.00	5.50-6.75	5.50-6.00	5.50-7.00	5.75-7.50	7.00-7.50
Fair to good feeder steers	8.50-10.50	7.75-8.50	8.00-9.50	8.00-9.50	11.50-12.00	9.50-10.50
Fair to good stocker steers	6.50-8.50	5.50-7.50	6.50-7.50	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.50	9.50-10.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$85-$120	$75-$90	.....	$100-$160	.....	.....
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$50-$80	$50-$65	.....	$65-$90	.....	.....
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	18.00	16.50	18.00	18.50	17.15	17.80
Light hogs	7.00-15.50	14.00	.....	.....	15.85	17.00
Sows	12.00-14.00	12.00-13.00	.....	.....	.....	16.50
Stags	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00	.....	.....	.....	16.50
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	12.00-13.00	10.00-15.00	12.00-12.25	15.00	14.50	15.50
Best killing sheep	7.00-9.00	8.00-12.00	10.00	10.50	8.00-8.50	9.25

Questions and Answers

Mule Has Swollen Leg

Q.—I bought a mule a year ago, and at that time it had one hind leg swollen. It has remained that way ever since, at times worse than others; particularly bad when working over rough ground or standing in the barn. Imagine it was caused by overpulling. Would appreciate any advice in regard to same.—Reader, Standard, Alberta.

A.—This condition is the result of the derangement of the lymphatic system, and being of long standing, complete removal of the swelling, which has now become more or less organized, is very improbable. Endeavor to keep the mule in good general condition by regular work, and avoid overfeeding. Hand-rubbing and bandaging the legs with snug bandages after working will help to prevent the legs swelling. Examine the mouth carefully to see that the teeth are in good condition. Give a tablespoonful of the following powder each evening and morning in soft food: Sulphate of soda, 1 pound; saltpetre, ½ pound; powdered sulphate of iron, ½ pound; powdered nux vomica, ½ pound; powdered gentian root, ½ pound. Give salt regularly.

Umbilical Hernia

Q.—Colt, four months old, has a swelling on its navel about twice the size of an egg, has been there since birth. I believe it is a rupture. I was advised to shave the lump up and tie the skin tight with a thread and leave it there till it drops off. Would you advise this treatment?—Reader of The Guide, Spring Grove, Sask.

A.—Many cases of rupture at the navel recover without treatment, but if no improvement is apparent at five or six months of age, it is advisable to take some steps to bring about a cure. While the application of a bandage which holds a small pad over the opening in the abdominal wall is sometimes effective, it is rather difficult to keep such a bandage in position. If the rupture is not very large, a blister applied to the swelling may relieve the condition by the resultant swelling acting as a kind of artificial bandage. Another treatment which has been credited with good results is the application of Nitric acid. The hair should be clipped off closely over the enlargement and nitric acid applied with a small brush, using only enough to moisten the skin. This sets up a deep-seated inflamation, which may close the opening in the abdominal wall.

Probably the surest means of curing this condition is the ligature method, described as follows:—

Cast the colt, and after tying securely, turn him on his back. The bowel is then carefully returned to the abdominal cavity. The skin over the opening is pinched up and run through with two or three skewers or heavy metal needles as close to the belly as possible. A cord is now firmly tied around the skin between the skewers and the abdomen. The skewers will prevent the cord from slipping off. Care should be taken not to draw the cord tight enough to cause too rapid sloughing of the skin. It may be tightened every two days until the skin sloughs off.

Patriotic Funds

November 30, 1918.

Belgian Relief Fund.

Previously acknowledged	$12,742.86
Thos. E. Goods, Binscarth, Man.	5.00
John M. Palmer, Ridgeville, Man.	5.00
A Contributor (R.S.), Tullymet, Sask.	5.00
Total	$12,757.86

Blue Cross Fund

Previously acknowledged	$ 219.17
Ruth Wadington, Alameda, Sask.	.25
Margaret Martin, Wapella, Sask.	.25
Louise Vogel, Taber, Alta.	.25
Helen McMurchy, Orbow, Sask.	.10
Marjorie Swanson, Mettskow, Alta.	.25
George Connel, Neepawa, Man.	.10
Ralph Scriven, Consul, Sask.	.25
Amanda Falk, Water Glen, Alta.	.10
Bob. Moffat, Swan Lake, Man.	.05
Ruth Williamson, Kisbey, Sask.	.25
Bogend School, Bogend, Sask.	.30
Total	$221.37

December 7, 1918.

Red Cross Fund

Previously acknowledged	$ 7,868.21
Polar Crescent Sunday School, Sutherland, Sask.	8.00
Total	$7,876.21

Sailors' Week

R. Morrison, Kerrobert, Sask.	$ .50
A. S. Wedderburn, Bradwardine, Man.	5.00
Total	$5.50

November 30, 1918.

Previously Acknowledged

Armenian Relief Fund	$ 47.25
Red Cross Fund	7,868.21
Polish Relief Fund	227.00
Halifax Blind Endowment Fund	413.86
Y.M.C.A. Military Fund	1,211.00
Serbian Relief Fund	487.00
Halifax Relief Fund	217.40
Agricultural Relief of the Allies	45.00
Returned Soldiers' Fund	30.00
Prisoners' of War Fund	220.00
Manitoba Red Cross Fund	49.70
British Sailors' Relief Fund	40.00
Canadian Patriotic Fund	895.00
Soldiers' Families Fund	15.00
French Red Cross Fund	563.50
French Wounded Emergency Fund	48.00
British Red Cross Fund	104.50
Grand Total	$25,461.60