

Barley	
No. 1	2
No. 2	2
No. 3	2
Rejected	4
28	
Rye	
No. 1	1
Flat Seed	1
No. 1 N. W. Man.	1
No. 1 Man.	1
11	
Totals	
Wheat	449 1030
Oats	107 243
Barley	28 28
Flat Seed	11 41
Rye	1 1
598 1310	

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts
(Week ending January 7.)

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R.	222	382	nil
C. N. R.	69	217	"
G. T. P.	83	nil	"
Total	374	599	nil
Disposition			
Butchers East this week	44		
Fenders East this week	41		
Stockers West	18		
Consumed locally	273		

Cattle

Last week's cattle market was a very dull affair, chiefly on account of the few arrivals. Prices for the best were ten cents per cwt. higher than the previous week but very few of the animals were near top grade. Buyers are right after toppers as soon as they hit the market but exhibit but very little interest in canners and the lower grades of butcher stock.

This is a very good time to start to think about the spring market for fed stock; prospects would seem to be for even higher prices than last spring. Last year at this time best butcher cattle were selling from 75 to 85 cents per cwt. lower than they are at present; prices now are holding up and gaining in spite of the fact that the fall run was much larger this season than last. It would seem that high prices next spring were beyond question.

To look at this from another standpoint. There were good crops of both oats and barley this year. The market demand for oats is only fair, and there is practically no demand for barley. The answer is obvious. Feed your surplus oats and barley. Even with all the inconveniences the Western grower of livestock has to face, there is going to be a good profit from stock fed this winter. True the price is good now and the man who has the stock but no feed for them, as is the case, for instance, in many districts of southern Manitoba, will do best by getting rid of them. But many a farmer has cattle in his yards and oats and barley in his granary. This farmer can find no better way of marketing his grain than through his cattle.

Another phase of the situation that would seem to indicate that there will be a scarcity of cattle in the spring, is the large number that were marketed this fall. In spite of pre-season estimates that led to the conclusion that the fall run would be very light, the run was greater than ever before. There is no question but that the animals fit for shipment were cleaned up in pretty good shape. In fact, everything points to higher prices next spring than ever before.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Best export steers	85.00 to 85.25
Fair to good export steers	4.65 " 4.75
Best export heifers	4.40 " 4.75
Best butcher steers	4.75 " 4.85
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	4.30 " 4.55
Best fat cows	4.10 " 4.50
Common cows	2.75 " 3.25
Best bulls	3.45 " 3.80
Common bulls	3.00 " 3.25
Good to best feeding steers, 1,000 lbs. up	4.25 " 4.50
Good to best feeding steers, 800 to 900 lbs.	3.75 " 4.25
Stockers, 700 to 800 lbs.	3.50 " 3.75
Light stockers.	3.00 " 3.50

Hogs

There is but little to say about the hog market. Prices offered show no change from last week. Packers seem to be holding back to see what shippers are going to do. Light runs were expected during the holiday season, but it is time that they should pick up if they are going to. There is no doubt, but that

if runs continue so small as this week's competition for the porkers will bring higher prices. On the other hand if hogs arrive in sufficient numbers to supply all demands, shippers may rest assured that packers will buy them as cheap as possible. It seems just now to be a waiting game all round.

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	87.25 to 87.50
Heavy sows	5.75 " 6.75
Stags	5.00 " 5.50

Sheep and Lambs

Arrivals last week were nil. Dealers offer the following prices:

Best sheep	84.50 to 85.00
Choice lambs	5.25 " 6.00

Country Produce

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

Prices offered for dairy butter show no change from last week. There is very little stock coming in from Western points and dealers are depending almost entirely upon the Eastern supply. They state that there is plenty of butter in sight to take care of all demands until spring. Real fancy dairy stock is not to be had in any quantity worth mentioning. Such stuff would find ready sale at good prices. Wholesalers quote the following prices f.o.b. Winnipeg:

Fancy dairy	25c. to 27c.
No. 1 dairy	24c.
Good round lots without culls or mold	20c. to 21c.
No. 2	17c. to 19c.
No. 3	15c. " 16c.

Eggs

The situation on the egg market is unchanged. Fresh laid stock cannot be found and even those that come in the "fresh" class are hard to get. At least fifty cents per dozen could be obtained for strictly fresh laid eggs. Wholesalers are getting most of their stock from the East. They state that eastern storage firms seem to be well stocked up and that besides prices in the States are in line so that supplies could be gotten from there to advantage. They are paying 26 cents per dozen, Winnipeg, for such stock.

Potatoes

The potato market is in better shape this week than it has been for some time. Evidently some of the smaller grocers are running out of the stocks they accumulated last fall and their orders are proving beneficial to the price. Wholesalers are offering 80 to 90 cents per bushel, Winnipeg, the highest quotation being for choice tubers. Most of the supply is coming from Ontario points.

Hay

The hay market is also stronger this week, with hay being up a full dollar per ton and timothy up two dollars. Roads are in bad shape for getting hay to the loading tracks and the demand was never better. Dealers advise farmers who wish to realize the best profits from their hay to get it to Winnipeg as soon as possible. Prices quoted per ton, on track, Winnipeg are:

Wild Hay	
No. 1	813.00 to 813.50
No. 2	12.00 " 12.50
No. 3	10.00 " 11.00
No. 4	8.00
1 rejected	6.00 " 6.50
Timothy	
No. 1	818.00
No. 2	814.00 to 16.00

Live Poultry

Dealers are not quoting for live poultry. They state that it is not advisable to ship during the winter months.

RETAIL MARKET

Winnipeg retail dealers offer the following prices to the country:

Butter

Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. bricks . . . 35c.
Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks . . . 33c.

Eggs

Strictly fresh gathered . . . 50c.

Dressed Poultry

Spring chickens, dry plucked, drawn, head and feet off . . . 18c.
Fowl, shipped same as chickens . . . 14c.
Turkeys, dressed and drawn . . . 27c.

Ducks, dressed and drawn . . . 18c.
Geese, dressed and drawn . . . 16c.
Note—For the retail trade chickens and fowl must be dry plucked and not scalded.

Dressed Meat

Quotations for dressed meat given by retail butchers show little change from last week. Pork is down a half cent.

Beef

Prime carcasses . . . 9c.
Front quarters . . . 8c.
Hind quarters . . . 10 1/2c.

Pork

Prime carcasses . . . 10c.
Veal (Skins on) . . . 8 1/2c. to 9c.
Prime and inferior . . . 7 1/2c. to 8c.

EDMONTON MARKETS

(By Special Wire)

Hay

Slough, per ton . . . 88.00 to 91.00
Upland, per ton . . . 13.00 " 18.00
Timothy, per ton . . . 20.00 " 21.00

Butter

Choice dairy . . . 35c.

Eggs

Strictly fresh, per doz. . . 45c. to 50c.

Potatoes

Per bushel . . . 35c. to 40c.

Live Stock

Butcher cattle . . . 83.50 to 84.50
Bulls . . . 2.50 " 3.00
Hogs . . . 6.00 " 7.00
Lambs . . . 5.50 " 6.50
Cows . . . 3.25 " 3.75

HIDES, TALLOW AND WOOL

Note—Owing to the fact that none but frozen hides are shipped at this season, salted hides will not be quoted until spring.

Dealers quote prices as follows:
Green frozen hide and kip . . . 6 1/2c. flat.
Green frozen calves . . . 9c.
Tallow . . . 4 1/2c. to 5 1/2c.
Seneca root . . . 30c.
Wool . . . 8 1/2c. to 10 1/2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

Minneapolis, Jan. 9.—While there was pronounced strength in wheat, the disposition among traders to play for a break was quite noticeable. Selling on the upturn served to check the advancing tendency locally, and this market was relatively less strong than Chicago.

Statistically the situation was more bullish than bearish as there was a moderate decrease in the domestic visible supply. Nevertheless the turn in the direction of decreases appears to be reached in the terminal stocks. World's exports were less than a year ago, a fair decrease on passage was scored and primary receipts were small.

Cash wheat held strong in the local market. Offerings were moderate with the undertone very firm. One Nor. sold mostly from 1/2c. to 1c. over May, with a little of the poorer quality going about May price. Country offerings have naturally increased on the advance, but cash wheat seems to be wanted by the millers.

The general reports of flour business are rather quiet. Southwestern reports rather scarce, but one of crop experts who is now in Oklahoma notes deterioration from his last visit a month ago. The weather forecast suggests warmer temperatures and precipitation later in the week. Liverpool was steady early but closed strong.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Crop damage reports from Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri formed a whip to-day to lash wheat prices upward. The close was at a net advance of 1/2c. to 3/4c. Latest figures for corn showed a gain of 1/2c. to 3/4c.; oats had risen 1/2c. to 3/4c.

According to one authority the secret of the hot campaign by the bull leaders in wheat was an effort to establish a level where large primary receipts helped turn the trade in general to the buying side.

In addition, aggressive support by the promoters of higher prices became so apparent that spectators who ordinarily take the bear position, were plainly intimidated.

A falling off in the visible came as a timely aid to the bulls and there was a similar effect from the diminished total of supplies on ocean passage. It was a notable fact, however, that although much of the buying force depended on talk of furious results of cold wave, new crop months didn't follow fully the May option skyward. There were two strong swells to the market during the session, each followed by a moderate reaction, but the close was firm.

Hedging sales of prodigious amounts prevented a sharp advance in corn from proving permanent. The May price nevertheless went above 50c. and stayed. There was heavy covering by large shorts, who found sufficient reason in unfavorable Argentining reports. Selling orders in oats on the advance, affected oats.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

Liverpool, Jan. 9.—John Rogers & Co. state to-day that although there was no reduction in prices in Birkenhead the demand was very small and it was with difficulty that Saturday's quotations were maintained, only States cattle here making from 18 1/4 to 18 1/2 cents per pound.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 9.—Cattle—Receipts 36,000; market weak; heifers, \$1.45 to \$7.00; Texas steers, \$4.15 to \$5.30; Western steers, \$4.25 to \$5.90; stockers and feeders, \$3.60 to \$5.70; cows and heifers, \$2.55 to \$6.25; calves, \$7.00 to \$9.25.

Hogs—Receipts 41,000; market strong, generally 5c. higher than early; light \$7.75 to \$8.20; mixed, \$7.80 to \$8.80; heavy, \$7.80 to \$8.15; rough, \$7.50 to \$7.95; good to choice heavy, \$7.95 to \$8.15; pigs, \$7.50 to \$8.10; bulk of sales, \$8.00 to \$8.15.

Sheep—Receipts 35,000; market weak at decline; native, \$2.50 to \$4.45; Western, \$2.65 to \$4.40; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$5.70; lambs, native, \$4.75 to \$6.45; Western, \$5.00 to \$6.45.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, Jan. 9.—A splendid run of high-grade cattle was offered for sale at the junction market to-day. There was a brisk demand and trade was active at all stages of the market. Good butcher cattle ruled steady to firm in the neighborhood of \$5.50 to \$5.80. There were a few cases in which some extra choice even sold as high as \$5.90, and one dealer took \$6.20 for a few splendid animals. Export cattle were present in large numbers and were quite firm at \$3.90 to \$5.15. The hog market was steady at last week's quotations. Sheep and lambs were unchanged too.

PREPARING PLANS

Samuel Hooper, provincial architect, is preparing plans for new Manitoba government buildings to cost over \$3,000,000, according to estimates. These proposed structures include new legislative buildings, a new agricultural college, and a new asylum at Brandon.

NEW NATIONAL POLICY

Canada does need a new National Policy. But it must be based upon the needs of all Canada—from Halifax to Vancouver. Ontario and Quebec are banner provinces, but there are some others who will want to have a word to say in promulgating the new policy. For instance Saskatchewan is a bit tired of counting heads at elections upon the old lines our fathers used in the days of Wm. Lyon MacKenzie. We are getting beyond the Grit and Tory stage. The ins and the outs are a thing of the past, we are looking for honorable capable men, who can see beyond party. We want men who carry out public promises. We want representatives who don't get rich while in parliament. None of our present members have reserved seats for the next house either provincial or Dominion. Carrot River Journal, Melfort, Sask.

Mrs. Samuel Turner and her twelve year old son, of North Portal, were frozen to death in a blizzard January 3. They had been out to the barn, about 150 yards from the house, and returning, lost their way and wandered out onto the prairie.

Work is progressing in the formation of an international commerce commission between Canada and the U.S. to supervise rates, etc., of railroads operating between the two countries. From the present outlook such a body will be established by treaty.

A large force is at work raising the U.S. steamship Maine, blown up in Havana harbor just prior to the opening of the Spanish-American war.

Eight miners lost their lives in a mine explosion at Sydney, N.S.