

## Things to Remember

Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, July 7-17.  
Sale of thoroughbred horses by Dr. W. S. Henderson, December 17th.  
Sale of purebred Clydesdale stallions, Elgin Ave., Winnipeg, by Jas. Tait, December 10.  
Auction sale of Hereford cattle, Leicester sheep, and Yorkshire swine, by Jas. Bray, Portage la Prairie, Man., December 16.  
Annual Meeting Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, Toronto, February 2.  
Convention of Agricultural Societies, Winnipeg, February 15-17.  
Manitoba Winter Fair, Brandon, March 9-12.  
Saskatchewan Winter Fair, Regina, March 23-26.  
Provincial seed fair and Agricultural societies convention, Regina, third week in January.  
Provincial Exhibition, Regina, July 27, 28, 29, 30.  
Spring horse show, fat-stock show and auction sale of pure bred cattle Calgary, April 5-9.

## SEED FAIRS IN MANITOBA

Manitou ..... Dec. 11  
Carman ..... " 14  
Swan Lake ..... " 14  
Birtle ..... " 17  
Roland ..... " 18-19  
Springfield ..... " 16

## SEED FAIRS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Duck Lake ..... Dec. 10  
Carlton District ..... " 11  
Rosthern ..... " 12  
Arcola ..... " 12  
Stoughton ..... " 12  
Creelman ..... " 15  
Langham ..... " 15  
Francis ..... " 16  
Foam Lake ..... " 17  
Dundurn ..... " 17  
Craik ..... " 19  
Saltcoats ..... " 21  
Churchbridge ..... " 22  
South Qu'Appelle ..... " 22  
Carlyle ..... Jan. 5  
Togo ..... " 6  
Milestone ..... " 6  
Canora ..... " 6  
Port Qu'Appelle ..... " 6  
Oxbow ..... " 7  
Wadena ..... " 7  
Abernethy ..... " 7  
Stockholm ..... " 8  
Battleford ..... " 9  
North Battleford ..... " 11  
Moosomin ..... " 11  
Bresaylor ..... " 12  
Kennedy ..... " 12  
Lashburn ..... " 13  
Lloydminster ..... " 14  
Wolesey ..... " 14  
Santaluta ..... " 15  
Indian Head ..... " 16  
Saskatoon ..... " 16

## MARKETS

It required nearly all last week for receipts of wheat at Winnipeg to recover from the effects of the storm on the Monday previous and all the time wheat was wanted to fill boats at the lakes. The extension of insurance protection for a week later brought a lot of boats into Ft. William and Port Arthur and every effort was made to fill them. On Thursday a premium of 1½ cents was offered on spot wheat to fill space contracted for. Buffalo elevators have been exceptionally active in securing Canadian wheat for storage and as a consequence many late cargoes went there. The old problem of spread in price between American and Canadian wheat has arisen again as a result of the American millers being so anxious for high grades that they have put the price up, and there is the further fact that Americans are paying more for wheat of contract grades, apparently handling it on a smaller margin than the Canadian dealers demand.

Wheat is in great demand in Mexico, the price being about \$1.75 in gold. So great has become the scarcity that the government has reduced the duty on wheat from 68 cents per cwt. to 23 cents per cwt.

Option prices are of course helping to keep the price of cash wheat up. One of the largest bull raids in the history of the Chicago market is reported to be under way.

The receipts of wheat at Winnipeg this year are the largest in history and amounted for the months of September, October and November to 41,750 cars or 44,974,850 bushels. In three days alone there were inspected 2,034,900 bushels and in one day, Nov. 30th, 850 cars reached market.

Cash prices are, on the whole, lower than a week ago and for the week period were as follows:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
No. 1 North-ern.....	100½	100½	97½	99½	100	100½
No. 2 North-ern.....	97½	97½	96½	96½	97	97½
No. 3 North-ern.....	95	95	94½	94½	95	95½

No. 4.....	93	93	91½	91	90	90
No. 5.....	90	90	88½	88	87	86½
No. 6.....	84	84½	82½	82	81	80½
Feed.....	75	75	72	72	71	70
No. 1 Alber-ta Red.....	---	---	99½	99½	---	---
No. 2 Alber-ta Red.....	---	---	96½	96½	---	---
Oats.....	---	---	36½	36½	36½	36½
No. 2 White	---	---	---	---	34½	34½
No. 3 White	---	---	34½	34½	34½	34½
Feed 1.....	---	---	33½	33½	33½	33½
Feed 2.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Barley.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. 3.....	46	46	---	47	---	---
No. 4.....	44	44	---	45	---	---
Feed.....	---	---	---	---	---	---

## SPECULATIVE MARKET.

All eyes are on Chicago where one of the largest corners ever undertaken is being engineered. The Patten element has been buying all the May wheat that has been offered with the result that it is estimated they are in a position to demand over 20,000,000 bushels in that month and failing delivery may take their "pound of flesh." They are sure that it will not be had. The shorts—those who sold what they will find they cannot deliver, if the Patten predictions be correct—will be caught. There will be a settlement at the price going. The Pattens will pocket the millions. It is a favorite pastime for operators on the board of trade nowadays to take out pencils and paper and do a little figuring on possible profits that will come to Bartlett, Patten & Co., as a result of the deal they are now engineering. Here are a few sample figures:

25 million bushels of wheat bought at an average price of 85 cents, \$21,250,000. 25 million bushels wheat sold at an average price of \$1.30, \$32,500,000, profits, \$11,250,000.

All reports seem to be in favor of the bulls, and the man who keeps wheat over has at least the satisfaction of knowing that the sentiment of the trade is that he is wise. A slump is looked for in price at the close of navigation and already the more distant futures have declined in expectation of it.

During the week the market ruled as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Monday, Wheat—	101½	101½	100½	101
Nov.....	97½	97½	97½	97½
Dec.....	103	103½	102½	103
May.....	103½	---	---	103½
July.....	---	---	---	---
Oats—	---	---	---	---
Nov.....	38	---	---	38
Dec.....	36	---	---	36½
May.....	40½	---	---	40½
Flax—	---	---	---	---
Nov.....	122	---	---	122
Dec.....	---	---	---	120
May.....	---	---	---	131
Tuesday, Wheat—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	98½	99½	98½	99½
May.....	103½	104½	103½	104½
July.....	104	---	---	105½
Oats—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	36½	---	---	36½
May.....	40½	---	---	40½
Flax—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	120	---	---	121
May.....	130	---	---	130½
Wednesday, Wheat—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	99½	100½	99½	100
May.....	105	105½	104½	105½
July.....	106	---	---	106½
Oats—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	36½	---	---	36
May.....	41	---	---	40½
Flax—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	---	---	---	121
May.....	---	---	---	129
Thursday, Wheat—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	99½	99½	99½	99½
May.....	105½	105½	104½	105
July.....	106½	---	---	106½
Oats—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	36½	---	---	36½
May.....	41	---	---	40½
Flax—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	120	---	---	120
May.....	132	---	---	129
Friday, Wheat—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	100½	100½	100	100½
May.....	102½	105½	105½	105½
July.....	106½	---	---	106½
Oats—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	36½	---	---	37
May.....	40½	---	---	40½
Flax—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	110	---	---	119
May.....	---	---	---	129
Saturday, Wheat—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	100	100½	99½	100½
May.....	104½	105½	104½	105½
July.....	106½	---	---	106½
Oats—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	36½	---	---	36½
May.....	40½	---	---	40½
Flax—	---	---	---	---
Dec.....	119	---	---	119½
May.....	129	---	---	129½

## PRODUCE AND MILL FEED.

These are wholesale prices at Winnipeg:—  
(Net per ton)

Bran.....	\$18.00
Shorts.....	20.00
Chopped Feeds—	---
Barley and oats.....	\$25.00
Barley.....	22.00
Oats.....	27.50
Baled straw.....	4.50 5.00
Hay per ton cars on track Winnipeg	7.00
(prairie hay).....	10.00 to 12.00
Timothy.....	---

## VEGETABLES.

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

## BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

Fresh turned creamery bricks.....	31
Boxes 28 to 14 lbs.....	27½

## DAIRY BUTTER—

Extra, fancy dairy prints.....	24 @ 26
Dairy, in tubs.....	20 @ 23

## EGGS—

Manitoba fresh.....	25 @ 26
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## CHEESE—

Western, per lb.....	13½ @ 13½
Eastern, per lb.....	14½

## POULTRY.

Turkeys, per lb.....	16
Spring chicken, per lb.....	13
Ducks, per lb.....	12
Geese, per lb.....	12

## LIVESTOCK.

Very few export cattle are coming forward but fat butcher's stuff is in good demand, although the price is absurdly low.

Quotations are practically the same as last week. Export steers, 1,200 and over, f.o.b. point of shipment, \$3.50 to \$4.00; cows for export, \$3.25; fat cows and heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; half fat butchers stock, \$2.25 to \$3.00; veal calves, .03; Hogs 150 to 250 lbs., \$5.50; heavy hogs, \$4.50. Sheep, \$5.50.

## CANADIAN CATTLE ON CHICAGO

## MARKET.

Messrs. Wm. Mitchell, John Read and D. D. Blue of Eagle Butte, Alberta, had 18 carloads of cattle on the Chicago market November 30, consigned to Clay, Robinson & Co. The steers made \$4.55@5.75, the she stock, \$3.75@4.50, the latter figures in each case being top for the respective departments of the trade. The cattle weighed out fairly well, considering the storms encountered en route, and the prices realized were satisfactory to the owners. It is probable that this is about the last shipment that will come from the Canadian Northwest this season, as the railroads refuse to accept any more shipments, owing to the storms.

## CHICAGO.

Quotations on cattle showing extreme range of prices for the past week, week previous, four weeks ago and same period for 1907:

Last week extreme range, \$3.40 to \$7.85; bulk of sales, \$4.85 to \$7.15. Two weeks ago extreme range, \$3.40 to \$7.90; bulk of sales, \$4.90 to \$7.20. Four weeks ago extreme range, \$3.25 to \$7.40; bulk of sales, \$4.85 to \$7.00. 1907 extreme range, \$3.25 to \$6.35; bulk of sales, \$4.65 to \$5.85.

## THE FUR MARKET.

Funsten Bros. & Co., say mink, skunk and muskrat are again still higher than a week ago. Quality is improving and the demand is stronger.

The future of mink, however, will be largely determined between now and the first of the year. Trappers and collectors are advised to market their mink before that time, to be on the safe side.

Red foxes, silver foxes, lynx, civet and otter are keeping up to the very high prices that have been prevailing during the past week. Opossum and coon are also selling better, and the same can be said of beaver and marten.

The whole tone of the market is very strong and values are on a very high basis, all things considered. Receipts are increasing but demand is fully up to the supply.

Up to Nov. 18th, the total number of Canadian cattle shipped to Great Britain in 1908 was 100,461. For the corresponding period in 1907 the number was 104,072; for 1906, 114,475; and for 1905, 115,117. The British Empire has a demand in everything except beef and the Canadian exports of bacon have fallen off lately. The total number of live cattle imported into Great Britain in 1906, 1907 and 1908 was 1,265, 1,265 and 1,265, respectively. The total number of live cattle exports from the United Kingdom to the Dominion of Wales in 1908 was 308,390.