

## Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts			
(Week ending December 10)			
	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C.P.R.	3393	2682	374
C.N.R.	879	701	....
Total	4272	3383	374

Disposition	
Butchers east this week	1062
Consumed locally	2926
Feeders east this week	26
Butchers this week held over	29

### Cattle

Receipts of cattle at the stockyards were unusually heavy last week for the season of the year, but the keen edge which was noted the previous week was somewhat worn off. The demand was not as urgent and this made the trading lower, although about steady prices were realized. Liberal runs are not expected any more this year and dealers do not think there will be much change in the trade for the next week or two. It will be seen in the quotations that follow that common and lower grade stuff is not catching as high a figure as the previous week, but that choice steers and heifers remain steady, in fact dealers are willing to go a little above the prices quoted for prime stock. This should be noted by the farmers, who would do well to hold on to the poor stuff until they get in shape for the top of the market. Very few feeders were shipped east last week and this may be taken as a sign that the farmers are holding on to this class of stock and are preparing them for the top markets in their own barns. The local consumption was high and is likely to continue so till after the holiday period. Only 26 feeder cattle were shipped east last week and not a single foot of export stuff arrived. The whole market may be characterized as firm but not particularly active.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Best export steers	..	\$5.00 to \$5.25
Pair to good export steers	4.65	" 4.75
Best export heifers	4.40	" 4.75
Best butcher steers	4.65	" 4.75
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	4.25	" 4.50
Best fat cows	4.00	" 4.40
Pair to good cows	3.65	" 3.85
Common cows	2.75	" 3.25
Best bulls	3.40	" 3.75
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 was a heavy run of hogs last week and prices remained steady. However, buyers are predicting lower prices in the future as they expect that the receipts will be liberal from now till the close of the year. Notwithstanding the lower prediction of the price of hogs by the buyers it would appear that there will be a strong market tone for some time by the way packers are going after them in order to cover the shorts of the past few months. The farmers can be pretty sure of strong prices for some time to come.

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	..	\$8.00 to \$8.25
Heavy sows	6.50	" 7.50
Stags	5.00	" 6.00

### Sheep and Lambs

There was rather a heavy run of sheep and prices were strong for good heavy weights. Lamb prices strengthened, too, somewhat, and the buyers predict higher prices for the next two weeks.

Prices quoted are:

Best sheep	..	\$4.50 to \$5.00
Choice lambs	5.25	" 6.00

## Country Produce

### WHOLESALE MARKET

#### Butter

Dealers are getting little or no butter from the country at present, the majority of the supply being received from the east. The market is firm and slightly

Stronger than the previous week for number 1 dairy. Wholesalers quote the following prices, f.o.b., Winnipeg:

Fancy dairy	..	25c. to 27c.
No. 1 dairy	..	24c.
Good round lots without culls	..	21c. " 22c.
No. 2	..	18c. " 20c.
No. 3	..	16c. " 17c.

### Eggs

There is nothing coming from the country in the line of fresh eggs. Strictly new laid eggs will sell up as high as forty cents per dozen and should go higher any time. Straight runs are bringing 28 cents per dozen, shrinkage out, the same as last week.

### Potatoes

All the shipments that are arriving at present are from the east. The price is somewhat stronger than last week and are likely to continue on the rise; 80 to 85 cents per bushel is at present the ruling price, f.o.b., Winnipeg.

### Hay

Prices for wild hay are unchanged and there is not very much arriving at the market. Timothy hay is lower this week and the demand is rather poor. Price quoted per ton on the Winnipeg market are:

Wild Hay	
No. 1	.. \$13.00 to \$14.00
No. 2	.. 12.00 " 13.00
No. 3	.. 8.00 " 10.00
No. 4	.. 7.00
1 Rejected	.. 6.00 " 6.50

### Timothy

No. 1	.. \$14.00 to \$16.00
No. 2	.. 13.00 " 14.00

### Live Poultry

Prices remained steady with last week except turkeys which are up a cent and are likely to go still higher as the holiday season approaches:

Spring chickens, per lb.	.. 11c.
Fowl, per lb.	.. 8c.
Old roosters, per lb.	.. 5c.
Turkeys, per lb.	.. 17c.
Geese, per lb.	.. 10c.
Ducks, per lb.	.. 13c.

### RETAIL MARKET

Winnipeg retail dealers offer the following prices to the country:

#### Butter

Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. bricks	..	30c.
Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks	..	28c.

#### Eggs

Strictly fresh gathered	..	40c.
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#### Dressed Poultry

Spring chickens, dry plucked, drawn, head and feet off	..	17½c.
Fowl, shipped same as chickens	..	12½c.
Turkeys, dressed and drawn	..	21c.
Ducks, dressed and drawn	..	15c.
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 a marked increase over last week and dealers state that the market is very strong and will probably go higher. Prices quoted f.o.b., Winnipeg are:

Beef—	
Prime carcasses	.. 9c.
Front quarters	.. 8c.
Hind quarters	.. 10c.
Pork—	
Prime carcasses	.. 10½c.
Veal (skins on)—	
Prime carcasses	.. 9c.
Heavy and inferior	.. 8½c.

### HIDES, TALLOW AND WOOL

Prices are steady with last week with a decline for green frozen hides and seneca root:

Green salted hides, unbranded	7½c. to 8½c.
Green salted hides, branded	.. 7c.
Green salted hides, bulls and oxen	.. 7c.
Green salted veal calves, 8 to 15 lbs.	.. 10c. to 11½c.
Green salted kip, 15 to 25 lbs.	.. 7c. flat.
Green frozen calves	.. 10c.
Dry flint butcher hides	.. 12c. to 15c.
Dry rough and fallen hides	.. 9c.
Tallow	.. 4½c. to 5½c.
Seneca root	.. 30c. to 32c.
Wool	.. 8½c. to 10½c.

### EDMONTON MARKETS

(By Special Wire)

Hay	
Slough, per ton	.. \$ 8.00 to \$10.00
Upland, per ton	.. 10.00 " 14.00
Timothy, per ton	.. 17.00 " 20.00

### Butter

Choice dairy, per lb.	.. 30c. to 35c.
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### Eggs

Strictly fresh, per doz.	.. 45c.
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### Potatoes

Per bushel	.. 40c. to 45c.
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### Live Stock

Butcher cattle	.. \$3.25 to \$4.50
Bulls	.. 2.25 " 3.00
Hogs	.. 7.25
Lambs	.. 5.50 " 6.00
Calves	.. 5.50 " 4.50

### MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—The market was a narrow one most of the session with the local pit showing moderate weakness against a stubborn and firmer undertone in Chicago. Stronger Liverpool cables, based on rain in Argentine, served to open the domestic market higher, but selling pressure was sufficient to check the upturn.

Large receipts in the local markets with the prospect of arrivals continuing heavy put considerable pressure on the May. Elevator companies had moderate hedging sales with the demand coming mostly from pit traders. The country reports were of freer offerings from the farms. The cash demand was only fair but elevator interests were buyers as well as millers. One Nor. sold from 1c. to 1½c. under May. Shipping directions on flour were reported larger, but millers said new business was quiet.

Winter wheat prospects were battered by snow over Kansas and Nebraska. The reports, however, still suggest a situation to be closely watched. The Coburn report putting the area lost so far at 2,000,000 acres. Near the close the shorts found no wheat for sale and the market closed strong on covering.

### CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, December 12.—Reports that prospects were decidedly unfavorable for an average crop in Oklahoma or the south and west parts of Kansas tended today to advance the price of wheat. A speculative advance in Liverpool had also considerable effect. The close here was at a net gain of ¼ to ½%. All the other leading staples showed losses, corn finishing ¼ down, oats off ¼ to ½%.

Rising quotations for wheat were in the face of an unusual array of bearish news. World's shipments were much larger than a year ago, and there was said to be an increase of \$4,500,000 in the Russian yield as compared with previous twelve months. The U.S. visible, though nominally exhibiting a decrease, did not include a total of 5,000,000 bushels in boats at Buffalo, Duluth and Canadian terminal harbors. Primary receipts too were greatly in excess of that of a year back, news favoring the bear side, however. A downpour in Texas, not expected, had no weight on the market as there was no important selling pressure.

On the other hand rain in North Argentine, drought in the Punjab, floods in France and Italy, as well as crop conditions in the American southwest received greater attention. According to one authority 50 per cent. of wheat in flour and a half million acres of Kansas and Oklahoma has not germinated, and of plants that have sprouted 15 to 20 per cent. are dead.

Largely because of this alleged handicap to the winter crop, the close was not far from the top. Active pit buying started corn strong, but throughout the rest of the day the market sagged. Consignments were large both from Iowa and Illinois. There was no eastern outlet worth mentioning. Cash corn was weak.

In oats December shorts helped prices up early but receipts at primary markets were more than double last year. Accordingly, weakness followed.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK

Montreal, December 12.—Choice cattle were none too plentiful at the local stockyards today, and under good demand and active trade prices advanced 50c per 100 lbs. Receipts at the C.P.R. east end market were: 450 cattle, 275 sheep and lambs, 200 hogs and 150 calves; and for the week, 1,300 cattle, 770 sheep and lambs, 1,400 hogs and 300 calves. Steers sold from \$4.50 for

ordinary stock to \$6 for choice; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.50; bulls, \$3.35 to \$4.50. Sheep were firm at \$4.25, and lambs at \$6 to \$6.10. Hogs sold at \$7.40, and sows at \$6.46. Calves brought all the way from \$3 to \$12.

### TERMINAL ELEVATOR IN TROUBLE

As stated in The Guide last week, another of the terminal elevator companies at the lake front will come before the courts on the same charge which cost three elevator companies \$5,550 last spring. It will be remembered that the technical charge against these companies was for rendering an untrue and incorrect statement to C. C. Castle, warehouse commissioner for the inspection district of Manitoba, although it was proven to the satisfaction of all that the houses had indulged in the mixing of grain contrary to law.

Now it is the Thunder Bay Elevator Company, Ltd., that is complained of. Information and complaint against this company was given by Mr. Castle on December 10 to A. A. Aird, clerk of the police court at Winnipeg. In his complaint Mr. Castle states that the "Thunder Bay Elevator Company, Ltd., on the 11th day of December, 1909, did unlawfully render an untrue and incorrect statement to the complainant, as warehouse commissioner, of the quantities of 1, 2, 3 Northern and Number Four grades of wheat respectively in store at its warehouse at Port William for the week ending the tenth day of December, 1909, such warehouse having been declared to be a public terminal elevator, and the said The Thunder Bay Elevator Company, Ltd., being a warehouseman thereof and the said warehouseman having been directed by this complainant to furnish said statement."

This is the same sort of charge that was laid against the Port Arthur Elevator Company, the Empire Elevator Company, and the Consolidated Elevator Company last spring and at that time the managers of these companies pleaded guilty of the charge and were fined. The present case is returnable on Wednesday, December 14, but there is little likelihood of its coming up for trial at that time, as the accused company will probably ask for a short adjournment of the case in order to get their evidence in shape. The Guide is informed that the government officials expect the elevator company to put up a hard fight against conviction and fine. It is also stated that several more complaints will be lodged against the same company. It is not possible at present to ascertain whether or not any of the other terminal companies will come before the courts.

Government officials state that there will be no effort made to keep the court proceedings in the present case under cover. On the other hand the widest opportunity for publicity through the press will be given. W. H. McWilliams, of the Grain Dealers' Association, is the president of the Thunder Bay Elevator Company. Mr. McWilliams is also connected with various other terminal elevator companies. It is hardly possible that the present case will be heard before a couple of weeks.

### TEN MILLION MERGER

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The formation of a \$10,000,000 company with head offices in Toronto has caused considerable speculation in financial circles. The new concern is styled the Central Canada Power Company, Ltd. Under its charter it may carry on a general hydraulic and electric business throughout Canada. The incorporators are given as R. H. Parmenter, A. J. Thompson, W. S. Morlock and N. B. Wormwith, of Toronto. The identity of the promoters of the gigantic concern is shielded behind a Toronto firm of engineers and a legal firm.

Information as to who is interested in the company and its plans are kept a secret. Those who follow the industrial electric affairs say that the new company is practically a merger in all lines in the West, and that the new concern will not operate in Ontario where the Hydro-Electric Co. has captured the field.

The company has interests in Quebec and in the Maritime provinces but the large field of the company will be Winnipeg and other Western cities.