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# The Farmers' Market

office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, November 18, 1918.

OATS—December futures show an advance of five cents, and May futures four cents for last week. Cash outs have not followed this advance, for pressums over the future official have faded with the advance of these future prices. This shows that the demand process have faded with the advance of these future prices. This shows that the demand process at the same time, the offerings are so light that at a premium over perember delivery. At the same time, the offerings are so light that setting pressure is an increased demand for grain for shipment overseas, and that no great set hack in prices is likely to occur in the immediate future.

BARLEY—Has advanced a couple of cents for contract grades, but lower grades are rain. Offerings are light and trade is duil. American prices have also made a few sents gain for the week.

FLAX—Is 19 cents up from the close of the previous week-end. Prices have varied with the changing demand and sentiment, and reports state that all products available with the changing demand and sentiment, and reports state that all products available with the changing demand and sentiment, and reports state that all products available with the changing demand and sentiment, and reports state that all products available.

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INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday Nov. 13, was

Ele- vator	Grain	Ree'd dur- ing week	Ship'd dur- ing week	Now in store
Cal- gary	Wheat	76,721	952	774,023 O. 290,727
:	Outs Barley Flax	84,605 4,735 125	9,098	Bly. 31,630 Flax 739 Rye 1,170 Tirs. 77,173
Moose Jaw	Wheat Outs Barley Flax	18,542 28,779 7,421	10,179 7,145 2,513 1,166	1,329,419 163,419 11,491 216
Sarks-	Wheat Oats Barley Flax	68,256 32,191 6,677	10,991 13,514 1,941	513,411 50 150,241.06 42,900 20 736.17

### THE CASH TRADE

OATS—Both shippers and elevators good buyers; No. 3 white 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) to 2 cents over December; No. 3 white closed at 70 to 71 cents; No. 4 white oats at 67 to 70 cents.

cents.

BYE—Prices 1 cent higher, with demand good and offerings light. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.60\frac{1}{2} to \$1.61\frac{1}{2}.

at \$1.50\frac{1}{2} to \$1.51\frac{1}{2}.

BARLEY—Medium and low prices up 1 to 2 cents and top grades 1 cent higher. Prices closed at 90 to 98\frac{1}{2} cents.

FLASEED—Firm, with bulk of spot sales at 10 cents over December for No. 1; to arrive 3 to 5 cents over. No. 1 seed closed at \$3.86\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$3.88\frac{1}{2}\$ on spot and \$3.81\frac{1}{2}\$

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# The Livestock Market

Winnipes Winnipes Winnipes Winnipes Winnipes Winnipes Man., Nov. 14.—The United Grain Growers Limited Livestock Department reports receipts of livestock for sale at the Union Stock Yards, St. Boniface, for the week ending November 14, 1918, were as follows: Cattle, 9,562; sheep and lambs, 1,491; calves, 337; hogs, 3,937.

The run continues heavy and with the abrupt ending of the war, we look for the broyers to try to lower the market, but we look for the price of well-finished cattle to remain firm. Slightly lower prices are quoted on the Eastern and Southern Market, occasioned no doubt of the change in the war situation and which we think will only have a temporary effect. Sheep and lambs are selling slow and we would advise bolding on feed for some time as there is too many coming forward at present and the market is weakening somewhat. Heavy feeder steers are wanted and selling at steady prices. Taking the market all a cound prices are not quotable from last week's prices. Hogs are coming in larger humbers and prices remain steady.

The following schedule shows the present prevailing brices up to date:—

	marchist.	PROTE	70.0		
Extra choice	steers		2.00	10.1	113.50
Choice heavy	steers		1.00	to	11.75
Medium to go					
Fair to mediu					9.00
Common to fa			7.00		7.75
Choice fat her			9.00		9.56
Good to choice	e come		8.00		8.50
Fair to good e	OWS		6.50	20	7.75
Canner and cu	tter cows	Latini I	4,50		6.00
Best fat oxen			7,50		8.00
Canner and eu	tter oven		5.00		7.50
Fat weighty b			7.50	to	8.00
Bologna bulls	manusca de		5.50		7.00
Fat lambs			4.00	to.	\$5.00
Sheep		1	0.50		11.54
Veal calves .			7.50	to	9.60

Choice weigh feeders				to		9,54
Common to and feeder	goo	d stockers	6.50	to	i	8.51
Best milkers Fair milkers						

	Hogs		
Select	s fed and watered		817.50
Strate	ht heavies	\$13.50	to 16.50
Light	hogs	10.00	to 15.50
Sows	The section of the se	11.50	to 13.50
Stags	angularing and the second second	10.00	to 11.50
Boars		7.00	to 9.00

# Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, Nov. 12 to Nov. 18, inclusive

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LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Nov. 18 Year Ago	Calgary Nov. 14	Nov. 13	St. Paul - Nov. 13	Chlengo Nov. 13
Cattle Choice steers Best butcher steers Fair to good butcher steers Good to choice fat cows, Medium to good cows Canners Good to choice heifers Fair to good heifers Best ozen Best butcher bulls Common to bologna bulls Fair to good feeder steers Fair to good feeder steers Fair to good stocker steers Fair to good stocker steers Fair milkers and springers (esch) Fair milkers and springers (each)	11 00-11 75 8 25-9 50 8 00-9 00 5 50-8 25 8 00-8 50 7 00-8 25 8 00-8 50 7 00-8 25 4 50-5 50 4 50-5 50 9 00-9 50 8 00-8 75 7 50-8 00 7 50-8 00-7 75 5 50-7 00 5 50-6 75 5 50-7 00 5 50-6 75 8 50-9 50 8 00-9 00 6 50-8 50 6 00-6 50 \$85-\$120 \$75-\$90	\$ c \$ c   11.00-12.50   11.00-12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50   12.50	\$ c	6.00-7.00 7.75-8.50 5.75-6.50	\$ c \$ e 19 50 -19 75 18 75-19 25 14 50-15 50 8 50-16 50 6 50-7 50 4 50-5 00 6 50-7 50 6 50-7 50 10 90-11 50 9 50-10 40
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Nets Marien, Lamont, Alta., would take 50 feat of cattle to feed through the winter on shares. Prefers two-year olds. Falling to be them this way he would buy a rarious of two-year-old steers or heifers, shortherns or Here fords.

Frank L. Todd, Oak Lake, Man, has sufficient feed and stable room as well as pasture for next summer for 10 or 15 cows or heifers. Suggests a share basis.

TORONTO

Toronto, November 13.

Donn and Levack report we had the heaviest run of the season here on Monday of this week. Owing to the peace news, the packers suspended business for the day, with the result that no sales were made at the Union Stock Yards. On Yusealay we opened with about 8,000 cattle on sale. The quality was generally very inferior, and a large percentage of the receipts were canners and light weight steers and beifers. What few good cattle that were here, were sold readily, but at fully 50 cents per cwt. lower than they were during the previous week. All other classes of cattle might be quoted at one cest lower per pound than tast week. There were a large number of young cattle here that should go back to the country. There were not many country buyers here, and a great many of the young cattle were sold to the packing houses for canning purposes. We sold some choice loads of feeders weighing in the neighborhood of 1,000 pounds at very good prices. All other grades of cattle were slow of sale and decidedly lower. Good milch cows and springers were in demand and seiling at fair prices. Today (Wednesday), the receipts were not as semoralized. We think the present is a good time for farmers to sevire any stock for wintering purposes. They can be had at very reasonable prices.

Receipts of sheep and lambs were heavy and the market showed a marked decline in sympathy with all other markets. Best bunches of lambs were selling around 134 cents per pound today. Sheep declined also. Good to choice eveal calves were sever slow and lower. For hogs this week the market was fairly strong, and today they were making 17½ to 17½ cents fo.b., and 184 cents per pound today. Sheep declined also. Good to choice veal calves were considerably lower, but we think they are still making good prices.

CALGARY

Calgary, November 16.—The Livestock bepartupent of the United Grain Growers Limited report this week's receipts as follows: Horses, 218; cattle, 5.254; bogs. 7.950; sheep, 7.740. Receipts for the convesponding week last year were: Horses, 416; cattle, 4.334; hoys. 1,522; sheep, 1,158.

Heavy receipts of common cattle was again the feature of a weak market. The only-class of cattle that found a ready demand was the smooth heavy atters weighing 1,600 and up. The best sale of the week was the \$13.25 we realized on a choice 1,550 pound steer we sold for the co-operative Association of Olds, with a considerable number of others from the same shippers bringing \$12.50 and \$12.25. We would quote choice heavy steers smooth and fat from \$11.50 to \$18.50; medium steers, \$10.50 to \$1.00 to \$1.00 medium steers, \$10.50 to \$1.00 to \$1.00 medium steers, \$10.50 to \$1.00 to \$1.00 medium cows \$5.00 to \$6.00.

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There was a pronounced slump on bulls and the best only brought \$5.25 to \$5.75, with a large number of common to medium bulls from \$5.00 to \$6.50.

The range of the seilers and \$6.50 for canners. A number of cond to keep the servery few oxed offered and the demand was poor and good, fair oxen would only bring from \$6.00 to \$6.50.

The trade on stockers is practically at a stand-still, and it is very difficult to get bids on this class of cattle, what few were turned brought from \$7.50 to \$8.00 for canners. A number of good stock cows and helfers were shipped out at from \$6.00 to \$6.50. The fall hogs are beginning to arrive and the week's run was considerably heavier than has been the case for some time past, the early week's hogs br

## Farms Less Fertile

Canada has about 28,000,000 acres in field croos of which probably 20,000,000 acres are in the three western provinces. Is the fertility of the soil being kept up, is it being exhausted, is it being increased? To get an answer, the Commission of Conservation carried out a survey of 2,245 farmer. We asked questions of 2,245 farmers located all over Canada. We took them in groups of about thirty or forty—in all about 60 groups, from British Columbia to Prince Edward Island. On this point, we made a definite enquiry of the farmer as to whether the fertility of his farm was being maintained or was deteriorating.

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Here is the answer: 30 per cent. of them reported about the same yield per acre as 20 years ago; 40 per cent. reported some increase in yield, and 30 per cent. reported some decrease. That is to say, the land, as used by 30 per cent. of all the men reporting, was poorer in its power to produce crops than it was 20 years before. From Manitoba, 32 per cent. of the farmers reported about the same yield per acre as ten years before; not one man reported an increase; and 46 per cent. reported some decrease. That is a summary of the answers to the question when put under an intelligently conducted survey.

### More Surveys Needed

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We want in Canada more serious and intelligently conducted surveys of our conditions in order that we may acquire real knowledge of facts as they are. Then we can come to conclusions and plan pur course of action to deal with the facts discovered and properly interpreted. In the West, the lure of the land was for a time similar to the lure of the akon; and the lure of the Yukon in the main led on to disappointed men, deteriorsted health, and parts of the Yukon left with less material substance that could be called wealth than it had before. There is some excuse for the pioneers taking more than one generation's share of the fertility stored in soil by the beneficence of nature during long ages of preparation. In the pioneer days they needed and had some right to more than their share of this store of natural wealth while making the place ready for occupation; but, after that first need is antisfied, it becomes their duty to make the place more fertile while in their hands.

The history of other countries and other farmers sheds light on our problems; and we may be instructed, to our great advantage, by their experience. In central New York, wheat growing was followed successfully for 40 years. During 20 years more the success was doubtful. Then it became definitely unprofitable. With a climate favorable for agriculture and propitious for cropgrowing, it took 40 years of exclusive grain growing to make that system unprofitable, and 20 years more to compel the farmers to stop that sort of practice. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and other Western Riates either have or nre making similar history. I have gone over them and talked to the old men; from 30 bushels of wheat to the acre they came down to 14.

We can afford to take a lesson from even our enemy. Germany is a country with a soil which on the whole is not naturally very fertile. Within about 30 years she has been able to effect an increase of about 30 per cent. in the yields per acre of her crops.

On the other hand, over large areas of

Don't worry. To worry about the past is to dig up a grave. Let the corpse be. To worry about the future is to dig your own grave; let the undertaker attend to that. The present is the servant of your will.

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