

Winnipeg Live Stock

There was a large run of stock at the yards last week but figures are not available in time for publication. The total arrivals of both cattle and hogs were above the previous week.

Cattle

The receipts of sales stock were lighter than is usual at this time of the year but the run of exporters was exceptionally heavy and brought the total figures up. Too many of the arrivals were common stuff and sold at lower prices. Prices for top notch butchers were strong at the same quotations as last week. These well finished cattle were in the best of demand but thinner stuff had a very poor outlet. This has been the case all fall and yet the market is constantly flooded with a very indifferent quality. There is nothing that will keep cattle prices down as will a constant supply of these poor animals that can be purchased at the packer's own price. The chances are that the shippers of these poor animals are losing money on every shipment while if they were held back and allowed to put on a decent amount of flesh they would bring a good return.

Prices strengthened on the best quality feeding stock and the top was a good ten cents higher than the previous week. These animals are in good demand by the eastern trade who have not been able to get anything like the number they require at any time this fall. Either there are very few feeders in the West or Western farmers are going to do a whole lot of feeding on their own account this winter. There is no doubt if the latter is the case that the results will be exceedingly satisfactory all round. Eastern farmers can feed Western animals with Western feed and make a good profit on them and when the prices that were current here for winter fed cattle last spring are considered, it is easily seen that the Western farmer could make even better profits than his Eastern brothers. However, with best feeders selling to within fifteen cents of the best butchers the market is about as good as one could expect, for the man who has feeders he wants to dispose of.

Easterners are also taking a lot of butchers and this trade is carrying off the surplus arrivals. This trade has contributed much to the activity and strength of the market all fall and there is no doubt that if stockyard facilities here were what they ought to be there would be more of this competition. But Eastern buyers cannot be blamed for holding off from purchases when they have no idea of when they will be able to get their shipments fed, watered and loaded. Receipts of calves were light and the quality common. Prices were steady.

Cattle prices quoted are:—

Best export steers	85.00 to 85.25
Fair to good shipping and export steers	4.50 " 4.75
Best butcher steers	4.45 " 4.80
Fair to good steers and heifers	3.85 " 4.50
Common steers and heifers	3.10 " 3.45
Best fat cows	3.75 " 4.25
Fair to good cows	3.25 " 3.50
Common cows	2.00 " 3.00
Best bulls	3.25 " 3.50
Common bulls	2.50 " 3.00
Good to best feeding steers, 1,000 lbs. up	4.25 " 4.60
Good to best feeding steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs.	3.75 " 4.25
Stockers, 700 to 900 lbs.	3.50 " 4.00
Light stockers	3.00 " 3.50
Best calves	4.50 " 5.00
Heavy calves	3.75 " 4.00

Hogs

Hog receipts were more liberal than during most previous weeks but the market had no trouble in handling all that arrived without a lowering of prices. The market looks strong at present quotations and should be able to take care of shipments unless they show too great an increase. One thing looks certain, that hog values are not going to show any great reduction for some time to come and judicious marketing should hold the market well up.

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	80.00
Heavy sows	87.25 to 8.25
Stags	8.75 " 6.75

Sheep and Lambs

Demand for sheep and lambs continues light and prices show no betterment.

Prices quoted are:

Best sheep	85.00 to 85.25
Choice lambs	6.50 " 6.75

Country Produce

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

Butter receipts are not very heavy and that coming is not of very good quality in spite of the favorable weather of the past couple of weeks. There is practically no western butter coming that would grade fancy or Number 1, most of the shipments being from districts composed almost entirely of foreign settlers whose produce is generally common. Dealers are supplying practically all demands for good stock with Ontario butter. The market in the East is reported easier, prices being too high for export and the local demand not being sufficient to take care of this season's exceptionally large make. Prices here are a trifle better for the best grades, but easier for the lower ones. Wholesalers quote the following prices:

Fancy dairy	23c
No. 1 dairy	22c
Good round lots without culls or mold	20c
No. 2	19c
No. 3	17c

Eggs

New laid eggs are a scarce article at present, and dealers are offering up to 28 cents per dozen for them. The majority of the shipments are of held stock and are showing a great shrink, in many shipments running as high as four and five dozen to the case. There is a chance here for a little object lesson. There has been no time this year that strictly new laid eggs would not sell for twenty cents per dozen. At this price the returns on a thirty dozen case would be \$6.00 and no trouble in storing the stock. The stock held until this date for shipment at a shrink of, say, four dozen per case, would bring not over twenty-three cents per dozen after deducting the shrink. This would make the returns on a case \$5.98. Thus the farmer who held his eggs not only had the trouble of storing them but actually sold them for less money than they could have gotten in the first place. We realize that most of the holding is done by country merchants, but there are numbers of farmers who also do it. It is hard to pick a time when it is not more profitable to ship new laid eggs than to hold them.

Hay

Shipments of prairie hay have been heavy during the past week, but prices are steady. Dealers state that the market is rather easy at these quotations. Prices quoted per ton on track, Winnipeg, are:

No. 1 Timothy	\$16.00
No. 2 Timothy	15.00
No. 3 Timothy	14.00
No. 1 Prairie	10.00
No. 2 Prairie	9.00
No. 3 Prairie	7.50

Potatoes

Prices for tubers are steady with last week at fifty cents per bushel, f.o.b. Winnipeg. Shipments are fairly heavy, but no more are coming than are needed to supply the demand. The quality of the shipments is very good and undersized spuds are few and far between.

Live Poultry

Prices quoted for live poultry are easier for everything except turkeys, which are up a cent. The abattoirs quote the following prices:

Spring chicken, per pound	12 1/2c
Fowl, per pound	9c
Old roosters, per pound	8c
Turkeys, per pound	16c
Geese, per pound	10c
Ducks, per pound	13c

EDMONTON LIVE STOCK

(By Special Wire)

Butcher steers	\$3.00 to 4.00
Cows and heifers	2.50 to 3.25
Bulls	2.00 to 2.50
Calves	3.50 to 4.50
Hogs	6.50 to 7.75
Sheep	5.00 to 5.50
Lambs	5.50 to 6.00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

(Oct. 17)

Cattle receipts, 42,000; weak; beefs, \$4.65 to \$7.80; Texas steers, \$3.40 to \$5.70; western steers, \$4.15 to \$6.75; stockers and feeders, \$4.25 to \$5.60; cows and heifers, \$2.25 to \$6.40; calves, \$7.50 to \$10.00.

Hogs receipts, 31,000; market 5 to 10c higher than early; light, \$8.75 to \$9.35; mixed, \$8.35 to \$9.30; heavy, \$8.10 to \$9.05; rough, \$8.10 to \$8.35; good to choice heavy, \$8.35 to \$9.05; pigs, \$8.25 to \$9.00; bulk of sales, \$8.40 to \$9.00.

Sheep receipts, 75,000; weak; native, \$2.30 to \$4.30; western, \$2.75 to \$4.25; yearlings, \$4.30 to \$5.40; lambs, native, \$4.25 to \$7.00; western, \$4.75 to \$6.85.

CHICAGO WHEAT

(Oct. 17)

Rains in Argentina and an unexpected large increase of visible supply in the United States and Canada gave a long downward swing to the market today. With the exception of a brief period at the opening the weakness of wheat was continuous. There was a steady absorption of offerings on the way down, but the demand was in a large part to take profits on sales made higher up. News of rain in Argentina came as a severe disappointment to the bulls and was followed by the announcement that Nebraska wheat at low prices had been diverted from Minneapolis to this city and St. Louis.

The big increase in the visible was next, 3,264,000 bushels, and formed a sharp contrast with the decrease of 658,000 a week ago. Throughout the day there was little or no comfort to promoters of higher prices, barring a falling off in world's shipments. Russia and the Danube alone sent forward 3,600,000 less than the preceding week, but a selling fever had set in here that suffered no interruption. The last sales were at nearly the lowest. Corn closed at the lowest point in four years. Fine weather made short sellers bold and discouraged the owners. The cash market was weak.

Oats "went into the twenties" today, that is, sold at less than 30c a bushel, a level which has not been seen before in this market in many years. Selling for country account was the immediate reason.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

(Oct. 17)

Although cables were moderately firm and world's cables less bearish than anticipated, there was no snap to the market. A steady opening caused momentary steadiness, but the tone was heavy, and selling pressure, while not of much volume, was persistent.

The decline finally reached a new low level on the down turn, and it cannot be said the pit showed any encouraging rallying power. A liberal increase in the domestic visible, exceeding general expectations, occasioned some liquidation, but the bulls still appear to be holding on to the wheat grimly. It is thought, however, that they are selling the cash wheat to protect long holdings, although primary receipts of wheat were moderate compared with a year ago.

The movement to the local market, however, was large. The cash demand was inclined to be slow. Most of the demand came from the elevator interests. The millers, with one or two exceptions, were out of the market. Flour sales were moderate.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

(Oct. 17)

Liverpool—John Rogers & Co. state today that demand was small in the Birkenhead market, and as a result trade was slow, but owing to supplies

being short, prices were well maintained, and Saturday's quotations were unaltered.

States steers, 13 1/4 to 14 cents. Canadians, 12 1/4 to 13 1/2 cents. Ranchers, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 cents per pound.

During the week ending Saturday, Oct. 15, the Grain Growers' Grain Company received 1,099 cars of grain. These totalled 1,200,000 bushels.

HIDES, TALLOW AND WOOL

(By McMillan Fur & Wool Co.)

Green salted hides, unbranded	8c to 9c
Green salted hides, branded	7 1/2c
Green salted hides, bulls and oxen	7 1/2c
Green salted veal calves, 8 to 15 lbs.	10c to 12c
Green salted kip, 15 to 25 lbs.	8 1/2c to 9 1/2c
Dry flint butcher hides	15c
Dry rough and fallen hides	9c
Tallow	4 1/2c to 5 1/2c
Seneca root	35c to 35 1/2c
Wool	8c to 10c

TERMINAL STOCKS

Total wheat in store, Fort William and Port Arthur, on Oct. 14 was 7,929,931 as against 7,170,975 last week, and 7,442,424 last year. The total shipments for the week were 2,641,840, last year 3,090,922. Amount of each grade was:

No. 1 Hard	23,181	131,446
No. 1 Nor.	1,119,772	2,917,888
No. 2 Nor.	2,681,168	2,302,101
No. 3 Nor.	2,309,501	980,871
No. 4	701,713	166,340
No. 5	270,084	37,418
Other Grades	875,010	908,348

Picks of Oats—

Total	4,755,078	1,384,308
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Stocks of Flax—

No. 3 White	296,706	159,532
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Stocks of Barley—

No. 4	819,006	633,943
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WEEK'S GRAIN INSPECTION

(Week Ending Oct. 14)

Wheat—	1910	1209
No. 1 Hard	10	10
No. 1 Nor.	706	1667
No. 2 Nor.	1625	1498
No. 3 Nor.	1574	494
No. 4	480	104
Feed	29	29
Rejected one	52	119
Rejected two	38	64
No grade	38	7
Rejected	49	101
No. 5	140	25
No. 6	95	1
No established grade	1	1
Total	4566	4005

Winter Wheat—

No. 2 Alberta Red	2	2
No. 3 Alberta Red	3	3
No grade	1	1
Rejected	1	1
No. 4 Red Winter	1	1
No. 5 Red Winter	4	4
Total	12	14

Oats—

No. 1 C.W.	17	17
No. 2 C.W.	181	181
No. 3 C.W.	39	39
Rejected	7	7
No grade	1	1
Ex. No. 1 feed	104	104
No. 1 feed	28	28
No. 2 feed	7	7
Total	376	400

Barley—

No. 3	56	56
No. 4	16	16
Rejected	6	6
No grade	1	1
Feed	2	2
Total	82	80

Rye—

No. 1	1	1
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Flax—

No. 1 N.W. Man.	178	178
No. 1 Man.	11	11
Rejected	3	3
Total	192	192

Grand total

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MANITOBA ELEVATOR COMMISSION

During the week ending Oct. 15 the Manitoba government elevators handled 350,000 bushels of grain. Members of the elevator commission state that they look to the movement of oats which is hardly begun to swell the totals to much larger figures during future weeks. They say that everything is moving along nicely.