

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts (WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22)

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R.	862	1514	278
C. N. R.	1980	413	3
Total	10,842	1927	281
Exporters east from last week	971		
Butchers east from last week	189		
Feeders east from last week	30		
Exporters east this week	1233		
Butchers east this week	2178		
Feeders east this week	2915		
Exporters held over	953		
Butchers held over	431		
Feeders held over	356		
Local	2766		

Cattle

The past week saw one of the largest runs of cattle that has come to the yards in a long time, and it was handled in the same old way. Cattle crowded together in pens about half big enough, no chance to feed and water, cars held on the sidings after long trips and all the other things that work against the shipper to this market.

While some few bunches have sold higher than the quotations given below, it cannot be said that prices were any higher than in the previous week. However shippers were lucky to find the market steady in the face of such large receipts. Fifteen steers of an average weight of 1203 pounds caught the top of the butcher market at a nickle per pound even. This however, could not be taken as a representative sale. However, a large number sold up to \$4.75 per cwt. In contrast to these are the common cows and trashy stuff that finds a very poor outlet at prices a couple of dollars per cwt. under the top.

The eastern trade is still the sustaining influence in the market, but this exerts little or no influence on the poorer stock. When it is considered that over 8,000 head went for eastern trade and export, the influence of outside trade is easily seen.

Over three thousand feeders were shipped East, the traders getting somewhere near their requirements for the first time this fall. Notwithstanding the large run prices were steady and some of the best caught a nickle per cwt., higher than the previous week. No change in export and veal calves figures.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Best export steers	\$5.00 to \$5.25
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 " 4.55
Best fat cows	3.75 " 4.25
Fair to good cows	3.25 " 3.50
Common cows	4.00 " 3.00
Best bulls	3.25 " 3.50
Common bulls	2.50 " 3.00
Good to best feeding steers 1,000 lbs. up	4.40 " 4.65
Good to best feeding steers 900 to 1,000 lbs.	4.45 " 4.55
Stockers, 700 to 900 lbs.	3.50 " 4.00
Light stockers	3.00 " 3.50
Best calves	4.50 " 5.00
Heavy calves	3.25 " 4.25

Hogs

Packers hammered the hog market all week and at last succeeded in reducing the price twenty-five cents per cwt. Some state that they have hopes of knocking off another quarter, while others think the market is as low as it will go. One thing is certain that if shipments are not too heavy there is not going to be any great reduction. A representative of one of the packing houses stated that while prices might go some lower now he thought that the winter and spring would see them back at very high levels.

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	\$8.75
Heavy sows	7.00 to 8.00
Stags	3.50 " 6.50

Sheep and Lambs

Receipts were lighter than for some time, but the demand is also light and prices show no change.

Prices quoted are:

Best sheep	\$3.00 to \$3.25
Choice lambs	4.50 " 6.75

Country Produce

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

Prices offered for dairy butter by wholesale dealers show a betterment of a full cent per pound on the better grades but are lower for the poorer stuff. This is in line with market conditions for good stock is at a premium at all times while the market is glutted with inferior grades. Dealers state that there is very little Manitoba dairy coming in but there is no danger of a famine on account of the heavy stocks in the East. They are able to lay eastern creamery down here for about twenty-four and a half cents and state that it is worth the difference in price. They have no fear that the early spring is going to see a stringency such as last when it was practically impossible to get any butter.

Prices quoted, f.o.b. Winnipeg are—

Fancy dairy	24c.
No. 1 dairy	23c.
Good round lots without culls or mold	21c.
No. 2	18c.
No. 3	16c.

Eggs

This is the time of the year when the farmer or farmer's wife who is able to keep the hens laying can annex a lot of cash. Wholesale dealers state that they are willing to pay thirty-five cents per dozen for strictly new laid eggs. Receipts of new laid hen fruit are practically nil but there is yet a quantity of held stock coming. These bring 23½ cents per dozen, shrinkage out. Final returns would have been much better to the shipper had they been sent to market when fresh. Dealers are paying 26 cents per dozen for Ontario stock. This price includes the cases and the eggs are candled before shipment. Winnipeg dealers quote the following prices:

Strictly new laid eggs..... 35c.
Straight runs (shrinkage out)..... 23½c.

Hay

Receipts of hay are just about right to take care of the demand and prices show no change from last week. 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

Potato prices show another gain of offering 55 cents per bushel, f.o.b. Winnipeg, sacks supplied by purchaser. Shipments are fairly heavy but the demand is strong and all arrivals are taken. Most of the tubers are of very good quality.

Live Poultry

Excepting an advance of a cent a pound offered for geese, prices for live poultry show no change from last week. The abattoirs quote the following prices:

Spring chicken, per pound	12½c
Fowl, per pound	9c.
Old roosters, per pound	6c.
Turkeys, per pound	16c.
Geese, per pound	11c.
Ducks, per pound	12c.

RETAIL MARKET

Retailers offer prices to the country as follows:

Butter

Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. bricks	26c
Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks	25c

Eggs

Strictly fresh gathered	35c
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Dressed Poultry

Spring chickens, dry plucked, drawn, head and feet off	16c
Fowl (shipped same as chickens)	10½c
Turkeys, dressed and drawn	22c
Ducks, dressed and drawn	14c
Geese, dressed and drawn	14c

(Note—For the retail trade chickens and fowl must be dry plucked and not scalded).

HIDES, TALLOW AND WOOL

(By Northwest Hide & Fur Co.)

Green salted hides, unbranded	8c to 9c
Green salted hides, branded	7½c
Green salted hides, bulls and oxen	7½c
Green salted veal calves, 8 to 15 lbs.	10c to 12c

Green salted kip, 15 to 25 lbs.	8¼c to 9½c
Dry flint butcher hides	15c
Dry rough and fallen hides	9c
Tallow	5c to 6c
Seneca root	34c to 35½c
Wool	10c to 11c

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK

(Oct. 24.)

Receipts at the C. P. R. east end market to-day were: 700 cattle, 1,500 sheep and lambs, 250 hogs and 200 calves. The market was fairly steady and the trade was active and stocks were all sold out. Choice steers brought \$5.50 and common to medium, \$4.00 to \$5; cows, \$3.25 to \$4.00; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep sold for \$3.50 to \$3.75; and lambs were strong at \$5.75 to \$6.00. Hogs were only fairly steady at \$8.25 and sows at \$7.25. Calves brought \$3.00 to \$12.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

(Oct. 24)

At the Union stock yards to-day's trading at times assumed a breezy style, and an unusually large run was quickly absorbed. Many fine cattle passed over the scales, including a consignment from the West. Complaints of inferior quality were not numerous.

The run of 117 cars included 3,080 cattle, 13 calves, 95 hogs and 1,189 sheep. Several loads of best butcher cattle sold as high as \$6 a hundredweight, a keen demand for this class of animals being exhibited in more quarters than one. Butcher steers and heifers were quite as firm on this market as on those of last week and prices ranged from \$4.75 to \$5.75, best cows sold at \$4.30 to \$5. Feeders and stockers were not begging buyers. Good animals ranged from \$5.60 down, while light weights were selling at \$4.75 up and stockers at \$4.25 to \$4.50 and a little higher.

As to exporters, to-day's transactions included a group which changed hands at \$6.32½ a hundredweight. This was probably the deal which brought the largest return of any registered around the export pen. The animals in question averaged about 1,345 lbs. Commoner stock sold at prices approximating \$6.25 a hundredweight.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

(Oct. 24)

Cattle, receipts 28,000; market steady for best, others weak; beefs, \$4.60 to \$7.80; Texas steers, \$3.40 to \$5.65; western steers, \$4.10 to \$6.55; stockers and feeders, \$4.25 to \$5.60; cows and heifers, \$2.25 to \$6.50; calves, \$7.25 to \$10.00.

Hogs—Receipts 26,000; market more active; 10c. higher; light, \$8.75 to \$9.42; mixed, \$8.25 to \$9.30; heavy, \$8.00 to \$9.10; rough, \$8 to \$8.25; good to choice heavy, \$8.25 to \$9.10; pigs, \$8.25 to \$9; bulk of sales, \$8.50 to \$8.85.

Sheep—Receipts 45,000; steady; native \$2.75 to \$4.50; western, \$3 to \$4.40; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$5.60; lambs, native, \$4.75 to \$7.20.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

(Oct. 24)

Liverpool.—John Rogers and Son, Liverpool, cable to-day that demand in Birkenhead was very slow and although prices held firm the tone was weak and it would not be unexpected if prices came lower. Quotations ruled as follows:—States steers from 13¼ to 14c.; Canadians from 12½ to 13½c. per pound.

Glasgow.—Edward Watson & Ritchie report 454 cattle on offer, trade slow and prices as follows: Prime cattle 13½ to 14c.; secondary and ranchers 12c.; bulls 11 to 11½c. per lb.; weather mild.

CHICAGO WHEAT

(Oct. 24)

Rumors that France had removed the duty on oats and potatoes led to a rally here to-day in the price of all grain. The wheat recovery was aided by the smallness of the visible supply increase, and there was little change in the closing figures as compared with Saturday.

The turnback upward in wheat began when after an early period of weakness no liquidation was precipitated by the decrease in delivery. In consequence covering began all over the floor. Preceding the reports of France removing

duties a better demand for ocean tonnage furnished some stimulus. There were also complaints of Hessian fly in Illinois and Ohio, but without much effect on the market.

Early selling of wheat was based largely on the fine crop prospects in Argentina, Australia and Russia, and on liberal world shipments. Big shorts were the first to cover in the corn pit. There was considerable talk to the effect that farmers were selling little and instead were feeding corn to cattle and hogs.

Speculative sentiment in oats appeared much affected by continuing reports that the French import duty of 8½c. a bushel had been suspended. Leading bears were buyers.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

(Oct. 24.)

Paradoxically speaking, the bears were the best supporters of wheat prices in the pit to-day. Commission houses have been liquidating orders of long wheat from the country, and although the market opened weak owing to fair domestic receipts and low cables, the buying power from the short interest absorbed all offerings following a cent decline from the previous close. This generous covering took about all the floating supply out of the pit and caused, after considerable hesitation, moderate buying by belated bears, which brought about a moderate rally or rather poor holding power. World's statistics were not very aggressive, but at the same time did not induce any buying for an actual betterment in prices. There was a liberal decrease in the amount on passage; the weekly export movement of wheat was less than last year, and the increase of 450,000 in the domestic visible supply was smaller than the trade expected. The primary movement holds under the receipts for the interior points, and is having the effect of moderating the effect of visible supply.

The millers were good buyers of choice offerings. Reports covering the sales of flour were irregular. One of the large companies was said to have sold large round lots, but the smaller concerns stated that inquiry and sales were very moderate.

EUROPEAN WHEAT YIELD

Ottawa, Oct. 23rd.—A cablegram received yesterday from the international agricultural institute at Rome gives the yield of wheat, estimated October 1, as follows:—

France—263,925,000 bushels, compared with 359,178,000 last year and a ten year average of 353,388,000.

Italy—153,359,000 bushels; 193,855,000 last year and 165,347,000 reported last month.

Roumania—110,863,000 bushels; 58,873,000 last year and 108,853,000 last month.

Great Britain and Ireland—56,075,000 bushels, against 54,250,000 last year and a ten year average of 55,355,000.

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CANADIAN VISIBLE

(Official to Winnipeg Grain Exchange)

	October 21, 1910.	
	Wheat	Barley
Total visible	10,414,254	2,247,273
Last week	9,244,254	2,063,649
Last year	10,244,492	2,172,173
Port Arthur	5,211,485	2,093,730
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Depot Harbor	105,428	
Meal	26,218	41,112
Midland Tills	453,363	1,000,004
Collingwood	89,000	67,000
Owen Sound	182,212	2,128,229
Godwin	223,287	120,212
Seneca, Ft. Edward	119,040	71,000
Pt. Colborne	443,000	67,000
Kingston	43,270	263,768
Prescott	70,270	
Montreal	820,252	272,200
Quebec	21,200	52,000

TERMINAL STOCKS

Total wheat in store, Port William and Port Arthur on 24th October was 2,142,700, as against 7,822,221 last week, and 7,505,743 last year. Total shipments for the week were 4,542,191. Amount of each grade was:

	1910	1909
No. 1 Hard	54,181	54,512
No. 1 Northern	1,194,111	2,000,229
No. 2 Northern	2,232,127	2,204,177
No. 3 Northern	2,201,212	1,212,000
No. 4	728,242	601,200
No. 5	222,224	43,224
Other grades	1,202,252	254,212
Total	2,142,700	7,505,743
Oats		
No. 1 White	2,202,120	
No. 1 White C. W.	214,120	200,000
No. 2	2,777,270	202,000
No. 3 White	222,771	221,000
Other grades	222,220	712,722
Barley	602,220	720,121
Flax	202,122	200,000