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### TORONTO

October 30, 1918.

Dunn and Levaek report supplies of cattle have been altogether lighter here this week. The recent break in prices has had the effect of making shippers hold back quite a large number of cattle, though we think that the bulk of the good cattle have been marketed. The market improved here this week for good weight steers and choice butchers. There were not many stockers and feeders offering. The best sale we made for a load of steers here this week was 134 cents per pound. They were of fair quality. A better class of steers would have sold considerably higher. The outlook is considerably better for good cattle. Canner cows have sold steady this week, at from five-and-three-quarter cents to six cents per pound. Light bulls are in demand for bologna purposes at fair prices. The trade is a little better for milch cows and springers. They are wanted. The quality of our stockers and feeders here this week has been bad. There is a fair demand for some good bred steers weighing around 900 pounds or higher.

The lambs have been here in heavy supplies this week, and the lamb market has been working lower. Best bunches today were making around 15 1/2 cents per pound. Handy light-weight sheep will sell. We do not look for lambs to go much higher unless the American markets get stronger. Good veal calves are wanted and selling high. For hogs this week, the packers are quoting \$17 f.o.b. and \$18 fed and watered. We sold several bunches at a little more money to outside parties. We do not look for the market generally to be much worse than it has been. There is a good demand for all good quality livestock available, and we think they will sell from now on at satisfactory prices. The outlook is a little better.

### CALGARY

Calgary, November 2.—The Livestock Department of the United Grain Growers Limited report this week's receipts as follows: Horses, 342; cattle, 6,222; hogs, 2,827; sheep, 4,615. Receipts for the corresponding week last year were: Horses, 271; cattle, 3,222; hogs, 1,355; sheep, 684.

The receipts for cattle especially toward the end of the week were very heavy, and all available space in the yards was taken up. A large number of the killing cattle offered were too light, but anything showing weight and quality was readily taken up as the buyers were keen after the choice stuff. We sold a car load at 12 cents and a few head made 25 cents more, but the bulk of the best steers sold from \$11 to \$11.50; medium weight fleshy steers made \$10.75 to \$11 and light fat steers \$9.25 to \$10. Heavy rough steers lacking flesh are not wanted and practically un-saleable. Choice fat cows and heifers sold from \$7.00 to \$7.50, with a part load consigned to us by Mr. Walters of Baley, at eight cents; medium cows, \$6.50 to \$7.00; and common cutters, \$5.75 to \$6.25. A ready demand for canners cleaned them up at \$5.00 to \$5.75. Bulls were weaker and \$6.00 to \$6.50 was the best price offered for a number of fairly good bulls going \$4.50 to \$6.00. The demand for stockers was not very brisk, especially on anything that was common. It took weighty two-year-old steers, of good quality, to bring nine cents, with light stuff \$7.50 to \$8.00, and very common stuff down to \$6.00. Yearling steers held up fairly well selling from \$7.00 to \$7.50 for the good ones. Stocker cows and two-year-old heifers are worth from \$6.00 to \$6.50, and yearling heifers \$6.00 to \$7.00. Calves sold very slowly on a weak demand and very few exceeded \$7.50.

Top price on cattle a year ago, \$9.00. The hog market still shows weakness and there was very little competition among the packers for the offerings. Thursday, hogs sold at \$8.00 and Friday's run at \$17 to \$17.25. Top price on hogs a year ago, \$15.20.

### Sheep

Sheep were almost un-saleable except for a few of the very best lambs, choice lambs only brought from \$12 to \$12.50, wethers from \$11 to \$12.50 and fat ewes from \$10 to \$10.50.

The market is very uncertain, but good cows and steers will probably hold up in price, but some of the common light steers will sell lower for a month or so. We would advise shippers not to ship common two-year-old steers and expect to realize best price out of them. Common stocker cattle are also very slow selling, and those in a position would do better to keep them in the country.

### Postponed

Since the notice calling the annual meeting of the Western Canada Livestock Union for Brandon, November 13 to 15 was sent out, the Spanish influenza epidemic has reached such proportions that the executive committee considered it advisable to postpone the meeting. A new date will be set as soon as the epidemic is over, when we shall immediately forward you notice of same.—E. T. Richardson, secretary.

### Good Yields on M.A.C. Farm

Among the reports of threshing out-turns received by the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, probably the premier place so far has been taken by the Agricultural College Farm. Especially is this true in the case of the oat crop. The College Farm is used largely to

produce pasture and winter feeds for the large College herd, but in addition to forage crops the following have been threshed: Wheat yielded 40 bushels; oats, 103 bushels; and barley 80 bushels per acre.

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, November 4, 1918.

**OATS**—There was a weaker tone in coarse grain markets last week. The developments in Europe are probably the strongest influence on prices at the present time. Although there is no evidence of panicky selling, there is a general feeling that lower prices are probable, at least for a time. Cash oats in the Winnipeg market are now five cents lower and December two cents lower than a week ago.

**BARLEY**—Shows a decline of five-and-one-half cents for the week. The movement from the interior, seems to be lessening somewhat, but this is largely due to the car situation. The demand for barley at the lake-front continues to be very indifferent.

**FLAX**—Is a little lower than a week ago, but the strong tone seems to be well maintained even at these high prices.

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

		October				November				Week Ago	
		29	30	31	1	2	3	4	ago	ago	ago
Oats	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Dec.	78 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Barley											
Oct. 100	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Dec. 106 1/2	104 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
Flax											
Oct. 35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Nov. 35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Dec.											

**INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS**  
Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, October 30, was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Calgary	Wheat	90,233		630,211
	Oats	57,073	1,850	198,809
	Barley	3,288		29,160
	Flax	511		613
Saskatoon	Wheat	86,527	3,018	418,874
	Oats	22,018	3,659	114,180
	Barley	9,807		23,928
	Flax			469
Moose Jaw	Wheat	86,301	4,565	1,297,421
	Oats	18,057	6,309	92,495
	Barley	5,228		5,115
	Flax			1,339
Regina	Wheat	86,301	4,565	1,297,421
	Oats	18,057	6,309	92,495
	Barley	5,228		5,115
	Flax			1,339

### THE CASH TRADE

**OATS**—Quiet, except for heavy shipping grades; No. 3 whites, November price 1 cent over. No. 3 white closed at 62 1/2 to 63 cents; No. 4 white oats at 59 1/2 to 62 1/2 cents.

**RYE**—Slow, with easy undertone. Milling demand poor. No. 2 rye closed at \$1.56 to \$1.57.

**BARLEY**—Demand slow, but offerings small and prices about steady. Prices closed at 84 to 94 cents.

**FLAXSEED**—Firm, with No. 1 spot November price of two cents over. Offerings light, most of the receipts applying on previous sales. No. 1 seed closed at \$3.63 1/2 to \$3.65 1/2, on spot and to arrive.

### Sales Postponed

Word has been received, that owing to the influenza epidemic the following auction sales have been postponed:—  
Jas. Kirby, Hartlake, Alta.; W. D. McLeary, Airdrie, Alta.; Simon Downie & Sons, Carstairs, Alta.; P. M. Reed & Co., Calgary; and Christie & Ritchie, Kansas, Sask. The first three report that they will sell at Calgary at the time of the Winter Fair in December.

Times heavy prices will be lower next week. The demand for butcher lambs is not very strong, and the best are selling for 15 cents. The run of hogs is increasing and the market looks steady at present prices.

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

#### Butcher Cattle

Extra choice steers	\$12.00 to \$13.50
Choice heavy steers	11.00 to 11.75
Medium to good steers	9.50 to 10.75
Fair to medium steers	8.00 to 9.00
Common to fair steers	7.00 to 7.75
Choice fat heifers	9.00 to 9.50
Good to choice cows	8.00 to 8.50
Fair to good cows	6.50 to 7.75
Canner and cutter cows	4.50 to 6.25
Best fat oxen	7.50 to 8.00
Canner and cutter oxen	5.00 to 7.25
Fat weighty bulls	7.50 to 8.00
Bologna bulls	5.50 to 7.00
Fat lambs	14.00 to 15.00
Sheep	10.00 to 11.50
Veal calves	7.50 to 9.00

#### Stockers and Feeders

Choice weighty good colored feeders	\$ 8.50 to \$ 9.50
Common to good stockers and feeders	6.50 to 8.50
Best milkers and springers	\$5.00 to \$10.00
Fair milkers and springers	50.00 to 80.00

#### Hogs

Selects fed and watered	\$17.50
Straight heavies	\$13.50 to 16.50
Light hogs	10.00 to 15.50
Sows	11.50 to 13.50
Stags	10.00 to 11.50
Boars	7.00 to 9.00

## The Livestock Market

### WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 2.—The United Grain Growers Limited Livestock Department reports receipts of livestock for sale

#### FIXED WHEAT PRICES

	1"	2"	3"	4"	5"	6"	7 1/2"	8"	9"	10"
Fixed	224 1/2	221 1/2	217 1/2	211 1/2	199 1/2	190 1/2	212 1/2	212 1/2	208 1/2	
Year ago	221	218	215	209	194	185	215	212	207	

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, inclusive

Date	Wheat	OATS				BARLEY				FLAX			
		Feed	2CW3	CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	3CW	4CW	Rel.	Feed	1NW	2CW
Oct. 29	189	85 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	80 1/2	77 1/2	105	100	93 1/2	92 1/2	351	348	326 1/2
30	189	85 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	80 1/2	77 1/2	102 1/2	97 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	348	345	322 1/2
31	189	84 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2	76 1/2	104 1/2	99 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	351	348	326 1/2
1	186	80 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	75 1/2	72 1/2	102 1/2	97 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	346	343	323 1/2
2	186	80 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	75 1/2	72 1/2	103 1/2	98 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	347	344	322 1/2
4	187	81 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	76 1/2	73 1/2	104 1/2	99 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	346 1/2	343	321 1/2
Week ago	189	86	83	83	81	78	107	102			348	345	
Year ago	180	68 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	63 1/2	61 1/2	121	116			117	311 1/2	303 1/2

#### LIVESTOCK

	Winnipeg		Calgary	Toronto	St. Paul	Chicago
	Nov. 2	Year Ago				
Cattle	Choice steers	\$ 12.00-13.50	\$ 9.00-9.50	\$ 11.00-11.80	\$ 12.50-13.50	\$ 15.50-16.00
	Best butcher steers	11.00-11.75	8.25-9.00	10.00-11.00	10.09-10.50	13.50-14.50
	Fair to good butcher steers	8.00-9.00	5.50-8.25	9.50-10.00	7.50-9.00	9.00-10.50
	Good to choice fat cows	8.00-8.50	7.00-8.00	7.00-7.75	7.00-10.00	8.00-9.50
	Common to good cows	6.50-7.75	6.50-6.75	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-10.00
	Canners	4.50-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.75	5.25-5.50
	Good to choice heifers	9.00-9.50	7.50-9.00	7.00-7.75	8.50-10.00	8.00-9.00
	Fair to good heifers	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.50
	Best oxen	7.50-8.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	6.00-7.50
	Best butcher bulls	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	8.00-9.50	7.75-8.50
	Common to bologna bulls	5.50-7.00	4.00-5.50	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00	5.75-7.50
Fair to good feeder steers	8.50-9.50	7.75-8.50	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00	11.50-11.50	
Fair to good stocker steers	6.50-8.50	6.00-6.50	7.00-7.50	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	