

The Weeks Grain Inspection

WEEK ENDING MAY 14.

Wheat		1910	1909
No. 1 Hard	.....	1	.....
No. 1 Nor.	.....	351	31
No. 2 Nor.	.....	389	104
No. 3 Nor.	.....	163	95
No. 4	.....	21	34
Feed	.....	.....	2
Rejected 1	.....	57	17
Rejected 2	.....	32	16
No Grade	.....	8	3
Rejected	.....	12	6
Condemned	.....	7	.....
No. 5	.....	8	8
No. 6	.....	1	4
Total	.....	1052	320

Winter Wheat

No. 1 Alberta Red	.....	1	.....
No. 2 Alberta Red	.....	4	.....
No. 3 Alberta Red	.....	1	.....
Total	.....	6	5

Oats

Extra No. 1	.....	.....	.....
No. 1 C. W.	.....	19	.....
No. 2 C. W.	.....	123	.....
No. 3 C. W.	.....	36	.....
Rejected	.....	2	.....
No Grade	.....	1	.....
Extra No. 1 Feed	.....	14	.....
No. 1 Feed	.....	4	.....
No. 2 Feed	.....	3	.....
Total	.....	202	101

Barley

No. 3	.....	25	.....
No. 4	.....	25	.....
No. 4	.....	6	.....
Rejected	3
Total	59	25

Flax

No. 1 N. W. Man.	25
No. 1 Man.	8
Rejected	2
Total	35	28

Grand total

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Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts

WEEK ENDING MAY 14.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R.	1636	1330	223
C. N. R.	382	484	.....
Totals	2018	1814	223

Disposition

Exporters held over from last week	.....	275	.....
Exporters shipped east from last week	.....	130	.....
Consumed locally from last week	.....	145	.....
Butchers east from last week	.....	114	.....
Exporters east this week	.....	450	.....
Butchers east this week	.....	405	.....
Feeders east this week	.....	345	.....
Oxen west	.....	51	.....
Consumed locally	.....	633	.....

Cattle

Receipts of cattle for the week ending May 14 were 2018 head in excess of the previous week and prices were a shade lower on all but the best classes of stock. While the supply was the most liberal in some time shippers had no trouble in disposing of their shipments and at the end of each day's market but few remained unsold in the pens.

Exporters are keen bidders for suitable stock and 490 of the week's receipts were taken by them. The greater part of these sold from \$6.25 to \$6.50 per cwt., with the freight assumed by the purchaser. Three loads of exceptionally fine exporters brought \$6.75, the highest price paid in some time. These were exceptionally fine animals, all grain fed steers. Most of the cattle that are being taken for export are grain fed and to catch good prices they must be well finished.

The market for butcher stock was not as active as it has been for the past few weeks and as a consequence prices were a shade lower. Traders are now quoting \$5.50 to \$6.25 for best butcher cattle, but extra choice stuff will bring a full twenty-five cents more than the latter figure. The quality of the arrivals has been uniformly good and some traders go as far as to say that the quality is better than at the same time of any former season. Eastern buyers took a large number of good butchers and they are still on the market looking for choice stuff. This competition should prove a strong factor in upholding prices.

Easterners are also on the market after stockers and feeders, but find it hard to connect with any. Some have taken trips through the country and report that farmers are loath to part with any of their light stock, preferring to finish them at home and receive the high prices that are now ruling for well finished stuff. Market quotations for feeding stock, from 800 to 1000 pounds in weight, are \$4.00 to \$4.50, but some fine ones have sold to \$5.00. Almost any number of feeders could be disposed on the market if they are of high quality.

Receipts of calves continue small and prices are a little higher for the best quality sales, having been made as high as \$5.50. Prices for bulls hang steady and the best sell up to \$3.00.

Receipts of cattle Monday and Tuesday were light and there were no change in prices.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Choice export steers (point of shipment)	.....	\$6.00 to \$6.50
Choice export cows and heifers (point of shipment)	5.00 "	5.50
Choice butcher steers and heifers	5.50 "	6.25
Fair to good steers and heifers	5.00 "	5.50
Common steers and heifers	4.00 "	4.50
Best fat cows	4.00 "	5.00
Fair to good cows	3.50 "	4.00
Common cows	2.50 "	3.50

Best hulls	.....	4.50 to 5.00
Common hulls	.....	3.50 " 4.50
Best stockers and feeders	.....	4.00 " 4.50
Fair to good stockers and feeders	.....	3.00 " 4.00
Choice calves	.....	4.50 " 5.50

Hogs

There is but little change in the hog situation. Receipts during the past week were smaller than the previous week and everything that arrived was taken in short order. There was, however, no general rise in prices. It was stated that one bunch that came in last Friday sold for \$10.75 per cwt. The bulk of the run brought \$10.50. Traders are showing a little more discrimination in purchasing. A few weeks ago everything and anything sold at the one flat price but now there is an inclination to dock for over and under weight animals.

There are still a large number of good breeding sows being sent to the block. Farmers who sell of this stock are making a great mistake, as the price of porkers is going to remain high for some time and with their breeding stock gone to market they will not be in a position to take advantage of a high price. Prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	.....	\$10.00 to \$10.50
Heavy sows (over 300 pounds)	.....	9.00 " 9.50
Stags	.....	8.00

Sheep and Lambs

There are but few sheep arriving, most of those included in last week's receipts being from the east. Packers are quoting \$6.50 to \$7.00 for choice animals. There are a few spring lambs coming in. Those weighing from 35 to 40 pounds sell ready y at \$4.00 to \$4.50 each.

Country Produce

The shortage of butter has been practically relieved during the past week and enough is now coming in to take care of all local demands. The recent rains will undoubtedly help the grass along in great shape and when the cows get in good condition shipments will be much larger.

All the butter that is now arriving in Winnipeg is used by the city trade and dealers have not as yet accumulated any to ship out. Country creameries are fast opening up and report fairly heavy receipts of cream for the early season. The quality of the first run is not any too good and prices are below those paid for the Ontario product.

There is some dairy moving and all is in good demand, with prices about four cents per pound lower than last week. But as this is the time of the year that a slump in prices always occurs, the decline does not seem great. However, dealers do not think that prices are near the bottom yet and predict that the summer scale will be two or three cents below the present. Ontario prices have shown a corresponding slump. Prices quoted are

No. 1 dairy	.....	18c. to 21c.
No. 2 dairy	.....	15c.

There is no Manitoba cheese arriving as yet but dealers state that some should be coming soon. The first run will probably not be of a very high quality and should sell at about ten cents. Dealers state that they look for an improvement in the quality of the cheese made at all western dairies during the coming season and so think that the producers will obtain the best prices on record for the bulk of the run.

The run of eggs is heavy, but a good enquiry from outside points is holding prices level with last week. Dealers are paying 18 cents per dozen. Several car loads per week are being shipped to the coast cities.

The potato market is in as had a condition as ever and it is almost impossible to sell any that come in.

Condition of Crops

The census and statistics office has issued its May bulletin on the condition of crops and live stock for Canada.

Reports made at the end of April show that good progress had been made with spring seeding in Ontario and the western provinces, but that in Quebec and the Maritime provinces little more than a beginning had been made. Ontario and Alberta are in the lead with spring wheat and oats, the former with 99.34 per cent. of spring wheat and 74 per cent. of oats in the ground and the latter with 97.50 of wheat and 53.13 of oats. Ontario had also 72.94 per cent. of barley seeded and Alberta only 39.17 per cent.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan had nearly equal proportions of wheat and finished the former with 90.68 per cent. and the latter with 92.60 per cent., but both were slow with oats and barley. British Columbia had a showing of 78.33 for spring wheat sown, of 81.66 for oats and 39.17 for barley.

Ontario and Alberta are the only provinces with a substantial showing of fall wheat and whilst in the first named the condition at the end of April was 95.47 per cent., in the second it was only 81.66 per cent. Alberta also showed considerable loss by winter killing and drouth the proportion of the area sown being 22.46 per cent. as compared with 6.42 per cent. in Ontario. In British Columbia the loss by winter killing was five per cent. of the area sown and the condition at the end of April was 100.

Hay and clover meadows suffered by winter killing 12.80 per cent. in British Columbia and 11.65 per cent. in Quebec, but in all other provinces the loss was comparatively slight. The condition of these crops was good in all provinces, ranging from 81.85 in Quebec and 102 in Prince Edward Island. An excellent report was made for all classes of live stock. Their condition for all Canada at the end of April compared with a standard being 94.49 for horses, 91.09 for other cattle, 93.70 for sheep and 95.10 for swine.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK

May 16.

About 900 head of butchers' cattle, 300 calves, 100 sheep and lambs and 1,500 hogs were offered at the Montreal stock yards today. Offerings of live stock during the week were 2,700 cattle, 2,575 calves, 200 sheep and lambs, and 2,450 hogs. The fine weather had a good effect on trade, and the prices of cattle were maintained, although the supplies were unusually large; hogs also are in good demand at the higher sales. Joseph Richard bought six superior steers at 7 1/2c. per lb.; prime beefs, 6 1/2c. to 7 1/2c.; pretty good animals, 5 1/2c. to 6 1/2c.; and common stock 4c. to 5 1/2c. lb.; calves 3 1/2c. to 6 1/2c. lb.; spring lambs, \$4 to \$6.50 each. Good lots fat hogs, 10 1/2c. to 10 1/2c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

May 16.

A record run of cattle was received at the Union stock yards this morning, and trade was decidedly slow. The stronger tone of the market at the last week-end was not upheld and the prices eased off again to the lower levels, that were started on Monday last. A large proportion of the run comprised heavy export cattle, most of which were held over for Tuesday's trade.

The top prices paid this morning ranged from \$7 to \$7.25 per cwt., and were given for export cattle, weighing 1,300 pounds, good butcher cattle brought from \$6 to \$6.50, and medium and common grades sold at \$5.50 to \$5.85. Some high prices were paid for cows and bulls, which ranged all the way from \$4.50 to as high as \$6.65. Export cattle choice, \$6.50 to \$7.50; do. medium, \$5.50 to \$6.25; do. bulls, \$5 to \$6.35; stockers, choice, \$4 to \$5.25; stockers, light, \$3 to \$3.50.

Chicago Live-Stock

Live stock supply was abundant and prices lower today. Cattle were steady to 10 cents lower, hogs 15 cents to 20 cents lower, and live muttons 25 cents to 50 cents lower. Nebraska contributed a lot of good cattle worth 85 or better. Hog quality was the best of the season. Light stuff sold at a premium, being on a \$9.60 to \$9.65 basis, while the bulk sold at \$9.50 to \$9.55. Good sheep had to sell at \$6.50.

HOGS.—Receipts 37,000; choice heavy \$9.37 1/2 to \$9.62 1/2; butchers \$9.60 to \$9.65; light mixed \$9.55 to \$9.60; choice light \$9.50 to \$9.65; heavy packing \$9.55 to \$9.60; good to choice pigs \$9.50 to \$9.50.

CATTLE.—Receipts \$2,000; good to prime steers, \$8.25 to \$8.66; good to choice heifers, \$6.65 to \$7.45; good to choice calves, \$7.25 to \$7.75; select feeders, \$6 to \$6.75; good to choice stockers, \$5.25 to \$5.60.

SHEEP.—Receipts 25,000; good to choice lambs, \$8.40 to \$8.75; good to choice yearlings, \$7 to \$7.50; good to choice wethers \$6.25 to \$6.65; good to choice spring lambs, \$6 to \$11.00.

Feed

The following are prices on mill feed, per ton:

Bran	.....	\$15.00
Shorts	.....	16.00

CHOPPED FEEDS

Barley, per ton, in sacks	.....	\$23.00
Oats	.....	25.00
Barley and Oats	.....	24.00

Hides, Tallow and Wool

By McMILLAN FUR AND WOOL CO.

Green salted hides, unbranded 10 to 9c.
 Green salted hides, branded 8c. flat.
 Green salted hides, bulls and oxen 8 1/2c. flat.
 Green salted veal calf, 8-15 lbs. 13 to 11 1/2c.
 Green salted kip, 15-25 lbs. 10 1/2c. to 9 1/2c.
 Green salted deacons 65c.
 Green salted slunks 25c.
 Dry flint butcher hides 17c. flat.
 Dry rough and fallen hides 11c. flat.
 Tallow 5c. to 4c.
 Senaca root 33 to 35c.
 Wool 8c. to 10 1/2c.

These prices are f.o.b. Winnipeg.

QUOTATIONS IN STORE AT FORT WILLIAM FROM MAY 11 to 17, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT								OATS		BARLEY				FLAX					
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	Rej. 1 1	Rej. 1 2	Rej. 2 1	Rej. 2 2	Rej. 1 Seeds	Rej. 2 Seeds	cw. scw.	3	4	Rej. Feed	NW 1 Man.	Rej.	
MAY 11	98	95	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	44	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	98	95	94 1/2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	44	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	98 1/2	95 1/2	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	44 1/2	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	98 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	45	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	97 1/2	94 1/2	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	45	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	97 1/2	94 1/2	92 1/2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	45	42	.....	.....	.....	.....