

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts

WEEK ENDING JULY 30.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R.	2690	790	271
C. N. R.	640	181	158
Totals	3330	971	429
Exporters east from last week			1198
Butchers east from last week			65
Exporters east this week			582
Butchers east this week			217
Feeders east			149
Exporters held over			857
Butchers			97
Local			1158

Cattle

Cattle receipts last week were practically the same in number as the previous week there being a difference of only three head. Arrivals ran mostly to natives from near by points some of them showing better killing qualities than most of the season's run but on the whole the quality is far below what it ought to be. This low quality is well reflected in the decline which prices have taken during the past month or two. At that time the best butcher steers coming sold up to 6 3/4 to 7 cents per lb., while the best of those coming now catch only 5 1/2 cents and it is very few sell up to this price, most going far below a nickel.

Farmers are probably as much to blame as any one for the low prices prevailing for butcher cattle. Well finished animals would sell at a figure very little below that of the spring and early summer, but one cannot expect to get any kind of price for half fat cows and heifers. Many of those coming would be classed as very common even at times of great scarcity and there is a very poor outlet for them. The market is really on a very strong basis at present and if the receipts were such as to make even a fair percentage of beef there is no question but returns would be very satisfactory to the farmer. The unusual dryness of the season is no doubt responsible for these large receipts of "skins." While it is not probable that grass cattle would attain the highest kind of finish during a season such as this, a few extra weeks on such grass as there is would put them in far better killing shape and in condition to demand one cent more per pound than at present.

The run of exporters continues large, 1750 head being received during the week. Most of these are hay fed cattle finished on grass and come from Alberta points. However, some of the receipts are entirely grass fed and show pretty good quality. Prices are about 15 cents per cwt. lower for exports than our last report. This is due to a decline on the Eastern Canadian and United States markets. Eastern buyers took 149 head of feeders during the week. There is a good demand for all the feeders and stockers that are sent in and all that show satisfactory class are snapped up quickly at good prices.

Prices were steady for good veal calves and it is probable that they will remain so for the balance of the season.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Best export steers	83.50 to 85.75
Fair to good shipping and export steers	5.00 " 5.40
Best butcher steers and heifers	5.00 " 5.50
Fair to good steers and heifers	4.00 " 4.50
Common steers and heifers	3.25 " 3.75
Best fat cows	3.50 " 4.00
Fair to good cows	3.25 " 3.50
Common cows	2.00 " 2.75
Best bulls	3.50 " 4.00
Common bulls	2.50 " 3.00
Good to best feeding steers	1.00 lbs. up 4.00 " 4.25
Good to best feeding steers	800 to 1,000 lbs. 3.75 " 4.00
Stockers, 700 to 800 lbs.	3.40 " 3.65
Light stockers	2.50 " 3.00
Best calves	4.00 " 4.50
Heavy calves	3.00 " 3.50

Hogs

Packers are still hammering the hog market and have gotten the price for the best porkers down to an 88.50 basis. The best of last's week receipts sold for 88.75 per cwt., with dockage for stags and old and heavy animals. The warm weather gave the packers the chance, about six weeks ago, to start a decline

in hog prices and they have been working together and putting them lower every week. The weather from this time out should be cool enough so that the local demand for pork will be greatly increased and the packers will probably be hard put to supply their customers if receipts are as small as they were last week. Then if farmers are not in too much of a hurry to market their fall crop of hogs, prices should experience an upward turn. It is hardly probable that they will go to the 811 figure, set during the spring, but they should sell at least 81 above the present quotation.

The packers are all showing greater discrimination than heretofore in selecting the hogs, and none but the best are taken at the top figure.

Hog prices quoted are:
 Choice hogs 88.25 to 88.50
 Heavy sows, over 300 lbs. 7.25 " 8.00
 Stags 5.50 " 6.50

Sheep and Lambs

Receipts for sheep and lambs were fairly large, most of them coming from eastern points. Prices on the best sheep are a trifle lower than a week ago. Lambs are holding steady.

Prices quoted are:
 Best sheep 84.50 to 85.50
 Lambs 6.50 " 8.00

Country Produce

Butter

Butter prices are still holding firm, and have continued at the same level for about three weeks. Local demand is good and the market is strong at prevailing quotations. The receipts are about the same as usual, and the quality of the butter from most points show an improvement over former seasons. Dealers state that they are very much pleased over the fact that there is a distinct falling off in the shipments of bricks. This has been true during most of the summer. Butter in bricks cannot be satisfactorily shipped while the weather is warm. As has been mentioned in most of our reports during the summer months, butter should be shipped in the tubs only. These tubs should always be absolutely clean, and nothing but butter tubs should be used. Shipments that are sent in the candy pails and other receptacles are docked at least a couple of cents on the pound by the Winnipeg dealers. Cleanliness is essential in the making of butter. Prices quoted are:
 Fancy dairy in tubs 19c
 Good round lots 16c to 17c
 Lower grades 15 to 14c.

Cheese

Cheese prices are steady at 10 1/4 cents per pound, f. o. b. shipping point. Quality of the receipts has shown an improvement over the first part of the season and over last year. Dealers state that only a very small percentage of the receipts are small underweight cheese, a great many of which were in evidence last year. These small cheese will not sell at the same price that the regular sized ones will.

Eggs

The quality of the eggs arriving at the Winnipeg market shows something of an improvement. The moderation of the hot weather has led to the shrinkage being much smaller than heretofore. The local demand is fairly strong but no eggs are being taken by outside points. Prices are steady with last week at 18 cents per dozen, f. o. b. Winnipeg, subject to candling.

Potatoes

During the past week there has been a decidedly strong market for old potatoes, the price having jumped from 20c per bushel to 43c, with the dealers taking

about all in sight. Were it not that we are so close to the new crop it would be probable that all on hand could be disposed of at an advantage. However, dealers state that it is not probable that they can handle any old tubers after this week, as the new crop will then be on the market. The outlook for the new potato crop is good. Although the acreage is smaller than last year, there will probably be enough produced to satisfy all demands. No new local stock is on the market as yet.

Hay

Hay prices show no change from last week. Receipts are fairly heavy and the quality good in spite of the hot dry weather. Dealers do not anticipate any shortage this fall. Prices quoted per ton on track, Winnipeg, are:

No. 1 Timothy	815.00
No. 1 Prairie	811.00
No. 2 Prairie	810.00

Liverpool Live Stock

AUGUST 1.

John Rogers and Co. reports: Upon the increase in cattle throughout the country trade is in the Birkenhead market very slow and prices show a general drop of one-half cent per pound, all quotations being for States cattle of from 14 1/2 to 15 1/2 cents per pound. Canadian from 14 1/2 to 14 3/4 cents, and ranchers from 15 to 15 1/4 cents.

Toronto Live Stock

AUGUST 1.

A light run of cattle at the Union stock yards to-day improved conditions of trade somewhat, but not sufficiently to make business really brisk. The heavy receipts of a week ago to-day were enough to supply present local demands for two weeks.

Those who lost money in the break last Monday were not to be caught the same way this week and until railway facilities are again intact receipts of stock will be undoubtedly light.

The best export cattle brought from 86.50 to 86.80 per cwt., with the lighter class of shippers ranging from 85.75 to 86. The demand for exporters as well as butchers was limited. Very few butcher cattle brought over 86 per cwt. A couple of choice lots sold at 86.20 but the majority of sales was made at from 85.25 to 85.50 and 85.75. Cows were steady at last week's prices, selling at 84.25 to 85 for good quality and at 84 to 83.75 for common and medium grades.

Closing quotations: Export cattle, choice, 86.25 to 85.85; export, medium, 85.75 to 86; export bulls, 85 to 85.75; heavy feeders, steers, 85.25 to 85.60; heavy bulls, 83.50 to 84.25; stockers, choice, 84.50 to 85.25; stockers, light, 83.25 to 84.25.

The Week's Grain Inspection

(WEEK ENDING JULY 31.)

Wheat—		1910	1909
No. 1 Hard		3	3
No. 1 Nor.		452	38
No. 2 Nor.		407	75
No. 3 Nor.		117	119
No. 4		9	32
Feed			1
Rejected 1		19	6
Rejected 2		19	17
No grade		8	8
Rejected		27	15
No. 5		4	4
No. 6		1	1
No established grade		1	
Total		1064	319
Winter Wheat—			
No. 4 Alberta Red		2	
No. 4 Red Winter		11	
No. 5 Red Winter		1	
Total		14	7

No. 1 C. W.	25
No. 2 C. W.	286
No. 3 C. W.	30
Rejected	23
No grade	6
Extra No. 1 Feed	28
No. 1 Feed	16
No. 2 Feed	15
No. 2 Mixed	1

Total	450	152
No. 3	11	
No. 4	6	
Rejected	1	

Total	24	14
Flax—		
No. 1 N. W. Man	8	
No. 1 Man	2	
Total	10	7
Grand total	1542	499

Monthly Grain Inspection

MONTH ENDING JULY 31.

Wheat—		1910	1909
No. 1 Hard		3	3
No. 1 Nor.		1532	211
No. 2 Nor.		1248	415
No. 3 Nor.		355	370
No. 4		70	151
Feed			2
Rejected 1		67	40
Rejected 2		74	54
No. grade		26	51
Rejected		96	56
Condemned		21	2
No. 5		15	48
No. 6		2	7
No established grade		2	
Total		3511	1410

Winter Wheat—			
No. 2 Alberta Red		3	
No. 3 Alberta Red		1	
No grade		1	
No. 4 Red Winter		11	
No. 5 Red Winter		7	
Total		25	15

Oats—			
No. 1 C. W.		77	
No. 2 C. W.		1091	
No. 3 C. W.		110	
Rejected		67	
No grade		27	
Condemned		2	
Extra No. 1 Feed		56	
No. 1 Feed		35	
No. 2 Feed		38	
No. 2 Mixed		2	
Total		1505	595

Barley—			
No. 3		65	
No. 4		34	
Rejected		8	
Total		107	70

Flax—			
No. 1 N. W. Man		36	
No. 1 Man		6	
Rejected		2	
No grade		1	
Total		45	38
Grand total		5191	2128

G. T. P. CROP REPORT

The Grand Trunk Pacific railway official report concerning conditions and prospects of the crop, issued Monday, reads as follows:

"Reports of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway in regard to crop conditions for period ending July 30 indicate that, while there has been a shrinkage in the prospective number of bushels per acre owing to drought and continued hot weather, the recent rains have materially helped the situation, and the growing grain is now filling out quite rapidly. Detailed reports are expected within the next day or two."

QUOTATIONS IN STORE AT FORT WILLIAM FROM JULY 27 TO AUG. 2, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT						OATS		BARLEY		FLAX	
	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	Feed	1'	2'	3'	4'	1' N.W. Man	2'
JUL 27	110 1/2	108 1/2	101 1/2	96 1/2	90		40					\$15
JUL 28	111 1/2	108 1/2	102 1/2	96 1/2			40 1/2	50	44			\$15
JUL 29	109 1/2	106 1/2	100				39 1/2					\$20
JUL 30	108 1/2	105 1/2	101 1/2				39 1/2					\$20
AUG 1	105 1/2	102 1/2	96 1/2				38 1/2					\$15
AUG 2	105 1/2	100 1/2	95 1/2				37 1/2					\$15