

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts		
(Week ending January 21)		
	Cattle	Hogs Sheep
C.P.R.	715	3996 nil
C.N.R.	119	693 nil
Totals	834	3779 nil
Disposition		
Butchers eat		233
Consumed locally		574

Cattle

The cattle market shows an improvement all round this week, the best butcher cattle selling a strong forty cents higher than last week. The run was somewhat larger than any week since the holidays but the animals on sale also showed better quality. Demand was very good, some of the best stock being taken for shipment East. The remainder were taken for local consumption. There are no exporters arriving nor will there be until the spring runs start in good shape therefore they will not be quoted until the season approaches.

Taking it all round the butcher market is in a most satisfactory condition from the standpoint of the raiser and shipper. Everybody is talking higher prices. We would draw the attention of readers to the interview that Pat Burns gave a Vancouver paper, in which he predicted that beef prices would attain record high points in the near future. Farmers should see that the packers do not get all the benefit of this rise in prices and should demand good prices for high class stock. The farmer who is feeding stock will undoubtedly find it a most satisfactory investment when he comes to market the animals in the spring. But they will lose a large part of their legitimate profits if they listen to low market talk by the drovers and others. The best plan will be to make up a carload and sell through a commission house. The local demand should be augmented by buyers from the East. Taking it all it may be safely predicted that the coming spring prices will be even better than last spring.

At present best butcher cattle are quoted up to \$5.25 but really fancy stuff will sell several cents higher than that price. The best advice that can be given is to hold back unfinished stock and put them in good condition for the spring. However, well finished butchers will pay a good profit at these prices.

Cattle prices quoted are:
 Best butcher steers \$4.75 to \$5.25
 Fair to good butcher steers and heifers 4.50 " 4.75
 Best fat cows 4.25 " 4.50
 Common cows 2.75 " 3.50
 Best bulls 3.25 " 3.50
 Common bulls 2.75 " 3.00
 Light stockers 3.50 " 3.75

Hogs

The hog market is in just as satisfactory condition as the cattle market. In spite of the extraordinarily heavy run of last week dealers were after the porkers in great shape and prices were boosted a full twenty-five cents per cwt. Dealers state that they think the market is very strong and if shipments relax to their average size it is more than likely that prices will take a bulge. There is little likelihood of prices touching the high mark of \$11 per cwt., reached last year but pigs should at all times pay a satisfactory return.

Hog prices quoted are:
 Choice hogs \$7.75 to \$8.00
 Heavy sows 6.00 " 7.00
 Stags 5.50 " 6.00

Sheep and Lambs

Receipts are nil and it is hard to get satisfactory quotations but the following are probably about right:
 Best sheep \$4.50 to \$5.00
 Choice lambs 5.25 " 6.00

Country Produce

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

Prices for dairy butter are easier this week. Receipts are not liberal but stores are said to be heavy, and for this reason dealers have no fear but that they will be able to satisfy all demands.

However there is not a great deal of real fancy stuff on the market and it is very probable that the best stuff would be a couple of cents above the present quotations. Wholesalers quote the following prices f.o.b., Winnipeg:
 Fancy dairy 27c to 27c.
 No. 1 dairy 24c.
 Good round lots without culls or mold 20c " 21c.
 No. 2 17c " 19c.
 No. 3 15c " 16c.

Eggs

The egg market is also easier, and dealers are offering but forty cents per dozen for strictly new laid eggs. The reduction is on account of dealers being able to get limited supplies from the States and lay them down here at this price. They state that the supply from the States will be larger as the spring advances but that prices should not go any lower for some time. The market for hold stock is said to be demoralized south of the line as dealers there have allowed stocks to accumulate and now have to find a market for them. In some cities of the States storage eggs are selling as low as seventeen cents per dozen. There is no doubt but this will have an effect on our markets and prices will be about what they are there with duty and express added.

Potatoes

The potato market is firm and the demand for stock good. Dealers offer ninety cents per bushel, f.o.b., Winnipeg. Few are coming in from Western points.

Hay

Hay prices show no change from last week. Prices quoted per ton on track Winnipeg are:
 No. 1 \$13.00 to \$13.50
 No. 2 12.00 " 12.50
 No. 3 10.00 " 11.00
 No. 4 8.00
 Rejected 6.00 " 6.50

Timothy

No. 1 \$18.00
 No. 2 \$14.00 to 16.00

RETAIL MARKET

Prices in everything except butter show an improvement this week. The retail market for butter is being affected by the same things that are lowering the prices on the wholesale market. The demand for fresh laid eggs, that is, eggs that are put on the market within seven days after they are laid, is as strong as ever in spite of shipments from the States. Retailers state that the eggs they get from the south of the line are generally so long on the road that they can hardly be properly classed as "fresh laid," although they are high grade stock. One dealer stated that he could place any number of fresh laid eggs at prices up to fifty cents. Of course this is for the fancy trade, eggs costing something less being of good enough quality for every line of trade.

Retailers quote the following prices, f.o.b., Winnipeg:

Butter

Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. bricks 27c
 Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks 25c

Eggs

Strictly fresh gathered 50c.

Dressed Poultry

Spring chickens, dry plucked, drawn, head and feet off 21c.
 Fowl shipped same as chickens 12c.
 Turkeys, dressed and drawn 25c.
 Ducks, dressed and drawn 20c.
 Geese, dressed and drawn 18c.

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

Dressed Meat

Quotations for dressed meat given by retail butchers show no change from last week.

Beef

Prime carcasses 9c.
 Front quarters 8c.
 Hind quarters 10 1/2c.

Pork

Prime carcasses 10c.

Veal (Skins on)

Prime carcasses 8 1/2c. to 9c.
 Heavy and inferior 7c. " 8c.

EDMONTON MARKETS

(By Special Wire)

Hay	
Slough, per ton	\$ 8.00 to \$12.00
Upland, per ton	13.00 " 16.00
Timothy, per ton	15.00
Butter	
Choice dairy	29c. to 34c.
Eggs	
Strictly fresh, per doz.	35c.
Potatoes	
Per bushel	40c. to 45c.
Live Stock	
Butcher cattle	\$3.50 to \$4.45
Bulls	2.50 " 3.00
Hogs	7.00
Lambs	3.50 " 6.00
Calves	4.00 " 4.50

HIDES, TALLOW AND WOOL

Prices for frozen hides are down a half cent this week on account of most of the present shipments consisting of long-haired late winter hides which are worth less to the trade.

Dealers quote prices as follows:
 Green frozen hide and kip, 6jc. 8at.
 Green frozen calves 9c.
 Tallow 4jc. to 5jc.
 Seneca root 30c.
 Wool 8jc. to 10jc.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Following are the closing quotations on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange during the past week for May and July:

Wheat—	May	July
Jan. 18	99 1/2	100 1/2
Jan. 19	99	100 1/2
Jan. 20	99	100
Jan. 21	99 1/2	99 1/2
Jan. 22	99 1/2	99 1/2
Jan. 23	99 1/2	99 1/2
Jan. 24	99 1/2	99 1/2
Oats—		
Jan. 18	37 1/2	38 1/2
Jan. 19	37 1/2	38 1/2
Jan. 20	37 1/2	38 1/2
Jan. 21	37 1/2	38 1/2
Jan. 22	36 1/2	37 1/2
Jan. 23	36 1/2	37 1/2
Jan. 24	36 1/2	37 1/2
Flax—		
Jan. 18	234	240
Jan. 19	234	240
Jan. 20	239	240
Jan. 21	241	245
Jan. 22	243	245
Jan. 23	246	252

WORLD'S SHIPMENTS

World's shipments—Wheat 11,072,000 this week, 9,376,000 last week, 8,392,000 last year. Corn 2,654,000 this week, 2,447,000 last week, 2,035,000 last year. Quantity of breadstuffs shipped for orders included in the above, 2,112,000 this week, 2,500,000 last week, 2,500,000 last year. Total wheat taken by Continental countries the past week 5,376,000, against 5,090,000 last week and 3,129,000 last year.

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
America	2,724,000	2,192,000	2,124,000
Europe	2,880,000	2,440,000	2,250,000
Danube	1,312,000	1,312,000	—310,000
India	552,000	1,924,000	160,000
Argentina	1,284,000	500,000	472,000
Australia	4,178,000	1,034,000	2,294,000
Chil. N. A.	135,000	184,000	112,000
Totals	11,072,000	9,376,000	8,392,000
Corn	3,883,000	2,447,000	2,035,000

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Buying on a large scale by leading longs pushed up the price of wheat to-day. Decreased acreage in France helped, and so did lessening of United States visible supply. The close was at a net gain of 1/2c. to 1c., corn closed a shade up to 1c., oats 1-1/2c. up to 1c. off. In the face of much liquidation by some owners notwithstanding a lot of short selling, the purchasing for the principal longs was remarkably persistent and in the end brought a number of followers to the bull side. The new recruits were influenced to a considerable extent by an official report from France saying 1,750,000 acres less than a year ago had been seeded in that country. In the same despatch the condition of the plant was stated to be 12 points lower compared with a year ago. Further assistance came from the fact that the stock on hand at Liverpool had fallen off in a material degree. Not much headway was made against the bears, however, until the

announcement of 1,186,000 bushels decrease in the United States available total whereas last year at the corresponding time there was an increase of 197,000 bushels. Selling on the advance was by no means lacking in courage, and although the race did suffer a check, the final tone was decidedly nervous. The corn market was a rather small affair, lower much of the session because of rains in Argentina, but rallying later. Country offerings of oats were liberal at a trifle above current prices, but actual sales proved to be limited, and the feeling remained steady.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

Minneapolis, Jan. 23.—Domestic statistics were bullish against bearish international figures, but the pit had over-sold itself to some extent and was inclined to heed the large decrease in the visible supply. This was more noticeable following the early weakness as the liquidating was moderate and offerings dried up rather impressively.

Some upturn after so drastic a break was to be expected and the bulges still show wheat for sale. Receipts in the local market were large but the bulk of wheat was applied in sales. The tone of the cash market was stronger. Choice No. 1 northern sold mostly 3/4c. over May, but a little extra fine went 1c. over the future. The soft Minnesota wheat sold a cent under the May.

Outside of the statistics foreign news was rather bullish. French crop news verified the small winter wheat acreage and a low plant condition.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, Jan. 23.—Receipts for to-day's market were 94 cars, with 50 head of sheep and lambs, 31 calves and 21 horses. Trade was good in export cattle and prices were 5 to 10c. firmer than last week. The offerings of export included some very nice quality. Butcher cattle trade was a little heavy and dull, with prices averaging about 5c. Sheep are 2 1/2c. easier, at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Calves are quoted 50c. easier at \$3 to \$8. Hog market easier and 10 to 15c. lower. Selects quoted at 7.15 f.o.b., and \$7.50 fed and watered at Toronto. Export cattle \$6 to \$6.35; bulls \$4.75 to \$5.50; butcher choice \$5.50 to \$5.85, medium \$5 to \$5.25, cows \$4 to \$5.25, bulls \$4 to \$5.35.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Receipts at the Montreal stock yards, west end market, to-day were: 1,300 cattle, 500 sheep and lambs, 850 hogs, and 145 calves, and for the week 2,300 cattle, 800 sheep and lambs, 2,000 hogs, and 200 calves. Prices showed a decline of 30 to 50 cents per 100 lbs. for cattle, choice selling at \$6.25, good at \$5.75; bulls at \$4 to \$4.50, and cows at \$4.50 to \$5.25. Hogs were also lower, and sold at 88 per 100 lbs., and sows at \$7. Calves brought all the way from \$2 to \$10.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

Liverpool, Jan. 23.—John Rogers and Co., Liverpool, state to-day, that Saturday's prices were well maintained in the Birkenhead market. The demand was slow, and although supplies are very light it is extremely improbable that there will be any material rise in prices.
 States and Canadian steers made from 12 1/2 to 13c. per pound.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Cattle receipts 51,000, market weak; beefs \$4.75 to \$7.00. Texas steers, \$4.25 to \$5.30; western, \$4.50 to \$5.85; stockers, and feeders, \$5.75 to \$5.75; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$6.18; calves, \$7.50 to \$9.50. Hogs, receipts 50,000; market more active and steady; light, \$7.65 to \$7.90; mixed, \$7.65 to \$7.90; heavy, \$7.60 to \$7.85; rough \$7.70 to \$7.85; good to choice heavy, \$7.70 to \$7.85; pigs, \$7.50 to \$8.05; bulk of sales \$7.75 to \$7.90. Sheep—Receipts 35,000; market weak; native, \$2.50 to \$4.40; western, \$2.70 to \$4.35; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$5.50; lambs, native, \$4.25 to \$6.20; western, \$4.50 to \$6.20.

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