

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, January 22, 1917)  
Wheat—On Saturday, May wheat closed 1 cent below the closing price of the previous week-end. The markets during the week were mostly dull and the volume of trading light. There were some periods of activity during the earlier days when reports of considerable seaboard sales caused strength in the future markets. This was not followed up by the proper kind of buying support and prices again sagged. The news of damage by German sea-raiders was also a bearish factor and caused some selling pressure. At the close of the week there was no outstanding feature. The speculative trade is not taking any side except as a scalping proposition. The world's situation continues to favor high prices.  
Coarse Grains—There was some good buying of our oats futures and prices firmed up in consequence. Barley prices were almost stationary throughout the week. Flax prices advanced slightly toward the end of the week when crushers were buyers of futures.

| WINNIPEG FUTURES |     |      |                                        |      |  |
|------------------|-----|------|----------------------------------------|------|--|
| Wheat—           | May | July | No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car                | 1.94 |  |
| January 16       | 189 | 186  | No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car                | 1.96 |  |
| January 17       | 188 | 185  | No. 3 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.93 |  |
| January 18       | 190 | 187  | No. 3 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.90 |  |
| January 19       | 187 | 184  | No. 3 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.87 |  |
| January 20       | 186 | 183  | No. 3 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.91 |  |
| January 22       | 186 | 183  | No. 3 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.88 |  |
| Week ago         | 187 | 184  | Sample grade wheat, 2 cars             | 1.65 |  |
| Year ago         | 126 | 125  | Sample grade wheat, 2 cars             | 1.48 |  |
| Oats—            |     |      | No. 4 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.67 |  |
| January 16       | 61  | 60   | No. 4 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.71 |  |
| January 17       | 61  | 60   | No. 4 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.80 |  |
| January 18       | 61  | 60   | No. 4 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.71 |  |
| January 19       | 60  | 60   | No. 4 wheat, 1 car                     | 1.98 |  |
| January 20       | 61  | 60   | No. 4 mixed durum wheat, 1 car         | 1.85 |  |
| January 22       | 60  | 59   | No. 2 yellow corn, 1 car               | .98  |  |
| Week ago         | 60  | 59   | No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car, arrive       | .97  |  |
| Year ago         | 49  |      | No. 3 mixed corn, 1 car                | .97  |  |
| Flax—            |     |      | No. 4 white oats, 1 car                | .96  |  |
| January 16       | 271 |      | No. 4 white oats, 1 car                | .96  |  |
| January 17       | 271 |      | No. 3 white oats, 3,000 bu., to arrive | .56  |  |
| January 18       | 271 |      | No. 3 white oats, 3,000 bu., to arrive | .54  |  |
| January 19       | 272 |      | No. 3 white oats, 4 cars, foreign car  | .56  |  |
| January 20       | 272 |      | No. 3 white oats, 7 cars, to arrive    | .56  |  |
| January 22       | 269 |      | Milling oats, 1 car                    | .47  |  |
| Week ago         | 269 |      | No. 4 white oats, 1 car                | .56  |  |
| Year ago         | 226 |      | No. 3 white oats, 1 car, to arrive     | .56  |  |

| MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES   |        |  |                                    |  |      |
|--------------------------|--------|--|------------------------------------|--|------|
| (Sample Market, Jan. 19) |        |  |                                    |  |      |
| No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars | \$2.02 |  | No. 3 white oats, 1 car, to arrive |  | 1.56 |
| No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car  | 1.99   |  | No. 3 rye, part car                |  | 1.40 |
| No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car  | 2.01   |  | No. 2 rye, 2 cars                  |  | 1.42 |
| No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car  | 2.00   |  | No. 2 rye, part car, dockage       |  | 1.43 |
| No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car  | 1.87   |  | No. 3 rye, part car, dockage       |  | 1.42 |
|                          |        |  | No. 3 rye, 1 car                   |  | 1.40 |
|                          |        |  | No. 2 rye, 1 car, dockage          |  | 1.44 |
|                          |        |  | No. 4 barley, 1 car, Montana       |  | 1.22 |

## THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

| LIVESTOCK                    | Winnipeg     |           | Toronto     | Calgary     | Chicago     | St. Paul    |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              | Jan. 20      | Year Ago  | Jan. 18     | Jan. 20     | Jan. 19     | Jan. 19     |
| <b>Cattle</b>                |              |           |             |             |             |             |
| Choice steers                | 8.50-9.00    |           | 8.75-10.25  |             | 11.25-11.75 |             |
| Best butcher steers          | 7.75-8.25    | 7.00-7.50 | 8.75-9.50   | 8.00-8.50   | 10.00-11.25 | 8.50-9.75   |
| Fair to good butcher steers  | 7.00-7.60    | 6.75-7.00 | 7.00-7.50   |             | 7.70-10.00  | 7.50-8.75   |
| Good to choice fat cows      | 6.50-7.50    | 6.00-6.25 | 7.00-7.50   | 6.25-6.75   | 7.50-8.90   | 6.75-8.00   |
| Medium to good cows          | 5.50-6.25    | 5.00-5.75 | 6.00-6.50   |             | 6.10-7.50   | 6.00-6.50   |
| Common cows                  | 4.00-5.00    | 3.50-4.50 | 5.00-5.50   | 5.00-6.00   | 5.65        | 5.25-6.00   |
| Canvases                     | 3.75-4.25    |           | 4.25-4.50   | 3.00-3.50   | 4.40-5.15   | 5.00-5.50   |
| Good to choice heifers       | 7.00-8.00    | 6.50-7.00 | 7.00-7.50   | 6.50-7.25   | 7.25-10.10  | 7.00-8.00   |
| Fair to good heifers         | 6.00-6.50    | 4.50-6.00 | 6.00-6.50   | 5.50-6.00   | 5.00-7.25   | 6.00-7.00   |
| Best cows                    | 6.50-7.00    |           | 4.75-6.00   |             |             |             |
| Best butcher bulls           | 5.50-6.50    | 5.50-6.00 | 7.50-8.00   | 4.25-5.50   | 7.35-8.25   | 6.75-7.50   |
| Common to bologna bulls      | 4.75-5.25    | 4.50-5.00 | 5.00-5.50   | 5.25-5.50   | 5.50        | 6.00-6.75   |
| Fair to good feeder steers   | 5.50-6.50    | 5.25-5.50 | 6.75-7.25   | 6.50-6.75   | 7.00-8.75   | 6.75-7.75   |
| Fair to good stocker steers  | 5.50-6.50    | 5.00-5.25 | 6.25-6.50   | 6.50-6.75   | 5.75-7.50   | 6.00-7.00   |
| Best milkers and springers   | \$65-\$85    | \$65-\$80 | \$80-\$100  | \$85-\$100  |             | \$65-\$80   |
| Fair milkers and springers   | \$45-\$55    | \$45-\$55 | \$50-\$70   | \$55-\$75   |             | \$50-\$65   |
| <b>Hogs</b>                  |              |           |             |             |             |             |
| Choice hogs, fed and watered | \$13.25      | \$9.00    | \$14.25     | 12.90-13.00 | 10.85-11.10 | 9.75-10.80  |
| Light hogs                   | \$9.00-10.00 |           | 12.25       |             | 9.75-11.10  | 10.40-10.60 |
| Heavy hogs                   | \$9.00       |           | 9.50        |             | 10.75-10.90 | 8.00-8.25   |
| Stags                        | 5.50-6.00    | \$4.50    |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Sheep and Lambs</b>       |              |           |             |             |             |             |
| Choice lambs                 | 11.75-12.25  | \$8.50    | 13.00-14.75 |             | 12.25-14.00 | 10.50-13.00 |
| Best killing sheep           | 8.50-9.25    | 6.00-6.50 | 9.50-10.00  |             | 9.10-10.25  | 6.50-9.50   |

| COUNTRY PRODUCE                              | Winnipeg |          | Toronto   | Calgary     | Regina  | Saskatoon |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------|
|                                              | Jan. 22  | Year Ago | Jan. 18   | Jan. 17     | Jan. 19 | Jan. 5    |
| <b>Butter (per lb.)</b>                      |          |          |           |             |         |           |
| No. 1 dairy                                  | 35c      | 24c-26c  | 40c-45c   | 35c-37c     | 35c     | 35c       |
| <b>Eggs (per doz.)</b>                       |          |          |           |             |         |           |
| New laid                                     | 50c      | 35c-40c  | 65c       |             | 50c     | 40c       |
| <b>Potatoes</b>                              |          |          |           |             |         |           |
| In sacks, per bushel, new                    |          | 60c      | \$1.10    | \$1.10-1.25 | 80c     | 55c       |
| <b>Milk and Cream</b>                        |          |          |           |             |         |           |
| Sweet cream (per lb. fat)                    | 50c      | 40c      |           |             |         |           |
| Cream for butter-making (per lb. butter-fat) | 43c      | 37c      |           |             |         |           |
| <b>Dressed Poultry</b>                       |          |          |           |             |         |           |
| Spring chickens                              | 20c      | 17c      | 20c-22c   | 20c-22c     | 20c     |           |
| Fowls                                        | 17c      | 13c-14c  | 16c-18c   | 14c-16c     | 15c-16c |           |
| Ducks                                        | 20c      | 15c      | 21c-23c   | 15c-16c     | 20c     |           |
| Geese                                        | 18c      | 15c      | 19c-21c   | 17c-18c     | 18c     |           |
| Turkeys                                      | 23c      | 15c      | 30c-35c   | 20c-25c     | 23c     |           |
| <b>Hay (per ton)</b>                         |          |          |           |             |         |           |
| No. 2 Upland                                 |          | No. 1's  |           | No. 1's     | No. 1's | No. 1's   |
| No. 2 Timothy                                | \$12     | \$14     | \$12-\$15 | \$14        | \$8     | \$10.00   |
| No. 2 Midland                                |          | \$12     |           |             |         |           |

## Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from January 16 to 22 inclusive

| Date     | WHEAT |     |     |     |     | OATS |     |     |     |     | BARLEY |       |       |      |     | FLAX |     |     |      |  |
|----------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|--|
|          | 1*    | 2*  | 3*  | 4   | 5   | Feed | 2CW | 3CW | 4CW | 5CW | No. 2  | No. 3 | No. 4 | Feed | 1NW | 2CW  | 3CW | 4CW | Feed |  |
| Jan. 16  | 183   | 180 | 177 | 182 | 143 | 110  | 92  | 57  | 55  | 55  | 93     | 90    | 79    | 79   | 202 | 209  | 243 |     |      |  |
| 17       | 182   | 179 | 176 | 181 | 141 | 108  | 90  | 57  | 55  | 55  | 94     | 91    | 79    | 79   | 202 | 209  | 243 |     |      |  |
| 18       | 184   | 181 | 177 | 182 | 143 | 111  | 93  | 57  | 56  | 56  | 94     | 91    | 79    | 79   | 203 | 210  | 244 |     |      |  |
| 19       | 181   | 178 | 174 | 181 | 140 | 108  | 94  | 57  | 56  | 56  | 94     | 91    | 79    | 79   | 204 | 211  | 244 |     |      |  |
| 20       | 180   | 177 | 172 | 180 |     | 107  | 95  | 57  | 56  | 56  | 94     | 91    | 79    | 79   | 204 | 211  | 244 |     |      |  |
| 22       | 180   | 177 | 172 | 180 |     | 107  |     | 56  | 54  | 54  | 93     | 90    | 79    | 79   | 204 | 211  | 244 |     |      |  |
| Week ago | 181   | 178 | 174 | 180 | 140 | 107  | 90  | 56  | 55  | 55  | 93     | 90    | 79    | 79   | 204 | 211  | 244 |     |      |  |
| Year ago | 121   | 119 | 116 | 112 | 105 | 85   | 85  | 45  | 42  | 42  | 64     | 60    | 52    | 52   | 218 | 214  |     |     |      |  |

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| No. 5 barley, 1 car               | 1.00 |
| Sample barley, 1 car              | 1.10 |
| Sample barley, 1 car              | 1.05 |
| Sample barley, 1 car              | 1.07 |
| No. 5 barley, 1 car               | 1.14 |
| No. 5 barley, 1 car               | 1.13 |
| No. 6 barley, 1 car               | 1.12 |
| No. 1 flax, 12,300 bu., to arrive | 2.94 |
| No. 1 flax, 1 car                 | 2.94 |
| No. 1 flax, 1 car                 | 2.95 |
| No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage        | 2.95 |

## INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, January 17, was as follows:

| Elevator         | Grain       | Rec'd during week | Ship'd during week | Now in store |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Moore</b>     |             |                   |                    |              |
| Wheat            | 399,056.40  | 58,814.30         | 968,288.10         |              |
| Oats             | 54,342.02   |                   | 178,704.11         |              |
| Barley           | 1,111.02    |                   | 3,028.22           |              |
| Flax             | 14,968.49   | 1,377.20          | 27,939.37          |              |
| <b>Saskatoon</b> |             |                   |                    |              |
| Wheat            | 541,374.30  |                   | 1,527,307.10       |              |
| Oats             | 112,374.20  | 2,269.04          | 374,526.02         |              |
| Barley           | 6,281.08    |                   | 17,565.19          |              |
| Flax             | 23,028.36   |                   | 49,875.00          |              |
| <b>Calgary</b>   |             |                   |                    |              |
| Wheat            | 99,519.00   | 21,932.00         | 411,908.00         |              |
| Oats             | 70,719.00   |                   | 319,073.00         |              |
| Barley           | 8,587.00    |                   | 30,962.00          |              |
| Flax             |             |                   | 1,635.00           |              |
| Timothy          | 82.00       | 1,356.00          | 20,096.00          |              |
| Mixed Grain      | 80,080 lbs. |                   | 278,220 lbs.       |              |

## STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, January 19, 1917—

| 1917 Wheat |              |  | Last Year     |  |  |
|------------|--------------|--|---------------|--|--|
| 1 hard     | 22,143.20    |  | 84,038.30     |  |  |
| 1 Nor.     | 1,879,735.30 |  | 10,038,820.50 |  |  |
| 2 Nor.     | 3,457,494.10 |  | 4,406,848.00  |  |  |
| 3 Nor.     | 3,565,579.20 |  | 2,961,284.00  |  |  |
| No. 4      | 2,772,246.30 |  | 1,484,657.10  |  |  |
| Others     | 9,593,056.10 |  | 2,671,097.10  |  |  |

|           |               |           |               |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| This week | 21,290,255.00 | This week | 21,676,745.40 |
| Last week | 19,932,769.50 | Last week | 20,636,819.50 |

Increase 1,357,485.50 Increase 1,040,125.50

| Oats      |              |  | Last Year    |  |  |
|-----------|--------------|--|--------------|--|--|
| 1 C.W.    | 20,161.14    |  | 120,744.16   |  |  |
| 2 C.W.    | 3,022,428.18 |  | 3,923,790.17 |  |  |
| 3 C.W.    | 1,947,837.28 |  | 1,802,666.33 |  |  |
| Ex. 1 hd. | 1,821,389.25 |  | 557,517.33   |  |  |
| Others    | 5,428,864.23 |  | 1,533,023.30 |  |  |

|           |               |           |              |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| This week | 11,340,783.06 | This week | 7,937,713.27 |
| Last week | 10,650,721.22 | Last week | 7,394,822.07 |

Increase 690,061.84 Increase 542,891.20

| Barley |            |          | Flaxseed     |  |  |
|--------|------------|----------|--------------|--|--|
| 3 C.W. | 191,001.37 | 1 N.W.C. | 1,082,561.20 |  |  |
| 4 C.W. | 448,879.42 | 2 C.W.   | 256,893.55   |  |  |
| Reg.   | 67,642.27  | 3 C.W.   | 62,445.32    |  |  |
| Feed   | 255,318.09 | Others   | 41,890.02    |  |  |
| Others | 248,356.22 |          |              |  |  |

|           |              |           |              |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| This week | 1,311,198.41 | This week | 1,443,790.53 |
| Last week | 1,122,925.09 | Last week | 1,369,962.03 |

Increase 188,273.32 Increase 73,828.50

|                   |              |                   |            |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| Last year's total | 1,374,742.29 | Last year's total | 784,031.20 |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|

## SHIPMENTS

| 1917—Lake |  |  | 1916—Lake  |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|------------|--|--|
| Wheat     |  |  | 205,500.00 |  |  |
| Oats      |  |  |            |  |  |
| Barley    |  |  |            |  |  |
| Flax      |  |  |            |  |  |

| 1917—Rail |            |  | 1916—Rail  |  |  |
|-----------|------------|--|------------|--|--|
| Wheat     | 373,779.00 |  | 388,302.00 |  |  |
| Oats      | 269,245.05 |  | 61,287.16  |  |  |
| Barley    | 11,415.20  |  | 106,300.23 |  |  |
| Flax      | 15,721.37  |  | 90,165.39  |  |  |

Winter stocks about:—Wheat, this year, 80,245.20; last year, 1,447,386.20. Oats, this year, 101,331.26; last year, 824,064.04.

## CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

| Week ending January 19, 1917— |            |            | Oats      |  |  |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|--|--|
| Fr. William and Pt. Arthur    | 21,290,255 | 11,340,783 | 1,311,198 |  |  |
| In Vessels in Can.            |            |            |           |  |  |
| Tor. Harbors                  | 2,374,427  | 3,048,552  |           |  |  |

Winnipeg, January 18.—The following figures show the amount of grain in store in country elevators (interior) west of Winnipeg, those being being supplied by the C. P. R., C. N. R. and