WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Grain Growers' Grain Company's Office, April 10th, 1911.

Wheat.—During the past week wheat has held fairly steady, the fluctuations being due not so much to the export demand, or lack of export demand, as the case might be, as to the difference of sentiment regarding the winter wheat crop situation in the United States. The United States government report at noon today gives the average of the winter wheat crop at 83.3 against an average of 90.8 last year, and a ten year average of 86.9. According to the government estimates the crop should be around five hundred and nine million, against an estimated crop of four hundred and ninety-seven million on April 1st last year, and the actual harvested crop of four hundred and sixty-four million. However, it is claimed that since the information was mailed to the government on March 29th from the various points in the winter wheat states the crop has improved considerably, and this is likely true.

Considerable wheat was worked for export on two or three occasions the past week.

Navigation on the Great Lakes will likely open between April 20th and April 30th, presumably the earlier date. Wheat stocks at terminals have recently increased until now they are ten million odd, about two and a half million greater than at this time last year. Farmers' deliveries at the country elevators now, however, are quite light and the heavy receipts past Winnipeg are mostly grain being cleaned out of elevators.

There is nothing new in the reciprocity negotiations this week.

Oats.—This grain has gradually worked up this week, both in the American markets and in the Winnipeg market. There has been a good export demand for the contract grades and also improved enquiry for the lower grades.

Barley.—On the first day of the past week barley went up four cents a bushel and has held there for the last seven days. There is a good demand for No. 3 barley, especially, and Eastern maltsters are commencing to buy against the day when reciprocity will almost assuredly pass. We advise farmers strongly to hold their barley at home for a few weeks and likewise to clean up all low grade barley at home as there is plenty of barley throughout the country which is ordinarily considered rejected because of wild oats, which can easily be cleaned up to make No. 3 barley and it is very much to the farmers' advantage to do this as he can clean out the wild oats in many instances and have No. 3 barley as a result.

Flax is getting scarce, but is just as erratic as ever. Flax receipts, however, are so small and stocks at terminals likewise that we expect to see flax go higher.

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts

Week Ending April 8

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C.P.R.	754	1,372	18
C.N.R.	172	340	
G.T.P.	59	93	
	985	1,805	18

Disposition

Butchers East	16
Stockers West	54
Oxen West	37
Feeders East held over	25
Local	856

Cattle

Conditions are unchanged on the cattle market, good stock being in strong demand and the outlet for poor stuff being slow. Best butcher cattle are selling up to $6.25 and some extra choice animals have sold to $6.50. Dealers agree that there will be but few cattle on the market until the grass stuff begins to come. Any well finished, winter fed animals that reach market ahead of the grassers are pretty sure of catching high prices.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Best Butcher Steers	$5.75 to $6.25
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	4.75 " 5.25
Best fat cows	4.75 " 5.00
Medium cows and heifers	4.25 " 4.50
Common cows	3.25 " 3.50
Best bulls	4.00 " 4.50
Common bulls	3.00 " 3.25
Stockers	3.50 " 3.75
Choice veal calves	5.50 " 6.00
Heavy calves	4.50 " 5.00

Hogs

Although packers have been offering only $7.00 per cwt. for choice porkers, they have had to pay twenty-five cents over that price for most of their purchases. They are hammering the market hard and doing their utmost to lower prices.

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	$7.25
Heavy sows	$5.75 to $6.75
Stags	5.00 " 5.50

Sheep and Lambs

Only eighteen head arrived during the week. Prices are steady with last week.

Prices quoted are:

Good handy weight sheep	$4.75 to $5.25
Heavy sheep	4.50 " 4.75
Best lambs	5.50 " 6.00

Country Produce

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

There is no change in prices on the butter market, which may be said to be weak at present quotations. There is a bunch of last year's make in sight and until this is cleaned up there can hardly be any improvement. The new make is a long way off, and while it looks at present as if there is plenty on hand to carry over, there is no telling what the future will bring. Dealers offer the following prices, f.o.b. Winnipeg:

Fancy dairy	22c to 23c
No. 1 dairy	17c
Good round lots without culls or mold	15c
No. 2	14c
No. 3	12c

Eggs

The egg market is weaker again this week and prices are off a cent to a cent and a half, dealers offering 16½ to 17 cents per dozen for best stock.

Potatoes

The potato market shows no change from last week. Well kept tubers are in good demand at 70 to 75 cents per bushel.

Live Poultry

The abattoirs are beginning to quote on live poultry. They offer the following prices, f.o.b. Winnipeg:

Spring Chickens	14c
Hens and Roosters	10c

Hay

The recent advance in hay prices resulted in the market being over-loaded and values are down again. It will not be advisable to ship hay for a week or so. Dealers offer the following prices per ton, on track, Winnipeg:

Wild Hay

No. 1	$12.00
No. 2	10.00
No. 3	8.00
No. 4	$6.00 to $7.00
1 Rejected	5.00

Timothy

No. 1	$15.00 to $16.00
No. 2	13.00 to 14.00

RETAIL MARKET

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

Butter

Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. bricks	32c
Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks	23c

Eggs

Strictly fresh gathered	21c

Dressed Poultry

Spring Chickens, dry plucked, drawn, head and feet off	20c
Fowl, shipped same as chickens	14c. to 15c
Turkeys, dressed and drawn	22c. to 23c
Ducks, dressed and drawn	17c
Geese, dressed and drawn	20c

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

Hides, Tallow and Wool

Green salted hides, untrimmed	7c. to 8c
" " branded	6½c. flat
" " bulls	6c
" " veal calves, 8 to 15 lbs.	9½c. to 11c
" " kips, 15 to 25 lbs.	7c. to 8c
" " deacons, under 8 lbs.	50c. to 60c
Dry Flint Butchers	14c
" rough, fallen or ranch, over 12 lbs.	10c. flat
" bulls	9c. flat
" kip, 5 to 12 lbs.	16c
" calf, under 5 lbs.	18c
Green frozen hide and kip	6½c. flat
" " calves	8c
Tallow	4½c. to 5½c
Seneca Root	30c
Wool	8½c. to 10½c

WORLD'S SHIPMENTS

Total wheat shipments were 14,784,000, as against 12,144,000 last week and 10,992,000 last year. Comparison by countries was as follows:

	This week	Last week	Last year
America	1,872,000	2,088,000	1,880,000
Russia	2,744,000	2,200,000	3,736,000
Danube	1,128,000	1,184,000	416,000
India	958,000	336,000	400,000
Argentine	2,768,000	2,624,000	2,304,000
Australia	2,608,000	1,864,000	1,896,000
Chili, N. Af.	56,000	48,000	560,000
Corn	2,517,000	2,568,000	1,544,000

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Following are the closing quotations on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange during the past week on wheat, oats and flax for May, July and October:

Wheat	May	July	Oct.
April 3	90½	91	90½
April 4	90½	91	87
April 7	90½	91	87½
April 8	90	91	90½
April 10	90½	90½	87½
April 11	91	90½	87½
Oats			
April 3	34½	33½	
April 4	34½	33½	
April 7	34½	33½	
April 8	34½	33½	
April 10	33½	34½	
April 11			
Flax			
April 3	240	237	
April 4	247	240	
April 7	250	245	
April 8	248	245	
April 10	245	249	
April 11	245	250	

EDMONTON MARKETS

(By Special Wire)

Hay	
Slough, per ton	$10.00 to $12.00
Upland, per ton	13.00 " 14.00
Timothy, per ton	16.00 " 20.00
Oats	
Best feed	35c.
Butter	
Choice dairy	16c. to 20c.
Eggs	
Strictly fresh, per doz.	18c.
Potatoes	
Per Bushel	45c to 45c.
Poultry	
Fowl	18c.
Chickens	18c.
Ducks	18c.
Geese	18c.
Turkeys	23c.
Live Stock	
Butcher cattle	$5.25 to $5.50
Bulls	3.50 to 3.25
Hogs	6.25 to 6.50
Lambs	5.50 to 6.00
Calves	3.50 to 5.00

TERMINAL STOCKS

Total wheat in store, Fort William and Port Arthur, on April 7, was 10,356,947, as against 8,759,813 last week, and 7,232,483 last year. Total shipments for the week were 440,383, last year 399,599. Amount of each grade was:

	This Year	Last Year
No. 1 Hard	4,499.10	49,613.20
No. 1 Northern	1,411,765.30	2,075,418.40
No. 2 Northern	2,570,956.40	2,303,829.10
No. 3 Northern	2,797,946.40	1,410,629.20
No. 4	1,430,499.00	428,209.50
No. 5	695,800.30	62,959.30
Other Grades	1,555,000.00	721,732.40
	10,356,947.50	7,232,483.40

Stocks of Oats—

No. 1 Extra		2,871.18
No. 1 White	274,269.19	517,718.08
No. 2 White	5,802,944.16	4,247,018.32
No. 3 White	484,902.12	475,004.08
Other Grades	1,215,380.05	317,851.18
	7,777,013.10	5,565,751.32
Barley	388,215.00	559,964.00
Flax	372,908.00	548,570.00

Shipments

Oats	155,117
Barley	3,515
Flax	2,197

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, April 10.—Receipts were 107 loads, with 1,250 head of cattle, 311 sheep and lambs, 33 hogs and 104 calves. Demand for good butcher cattle very active and prices firm at best quotations of last week. The export trade was quiet and dull, three American buyers showing very little anxiety to get into the market in competition with butcher buyers. Choice butcher cattle $5.40 to $5.85, extra choice $5.90 to $6.00, with one or two fancy Easter steers and heifers up to $6.25, medium choice butchers $5.50 to $5.65. Good yearling lambs $6.00 to $6.75, spring lambs $8.00 to $8.00 each. Hog market weak and 25c lower than last week, select at $6.15 f.o.b. and $6.50 fed and watered at Toronto market.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

Liverpool, March 10.—John Rogers & Co. stated today that the demand was slow in Birkenhead and it was very difficult to maintain Saturday's prices which were:

States steers from 13¼c to 13½c.

Canadians from 13½c to 13½c. per pound.

Sheep, trade held firm, lambs making 17 cents and wethers 14½c. per pound.

QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from APR. 5 to APR. 11, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT 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	OATS 2 cw.	3 cw.	BARLEY 3	4	Rej.	Feed.	FLAX 1NW	1 Man.	Rej
APR.																						
5	88½	86½	84	78	74	66	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	70	50	..	..	237	....	....
6	88½	85½	83½	78½	73½	66½	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	70	50	..	..	245	....	....
7	89	86	84	78½	74	67	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	70	50	..	..	245	....	....
8	88½	86	84	79	74½	67	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	32½		70	55	..	..	247	....	....
10	89½	87	85	80	75½	68½	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	32½		70	55	..	..	242	....	....
11	89½	87	85	80	75½	68½	60½	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	30	70	55	..	..	242	....	....

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