

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, November 1, 1913)

Wheat—Has ruled firm and higher all the week and the close today sees November up 2½c. December and May up 2½ from last trades a week ago. At the outset Liverpool on "bullish" news from Russia and frost reports from Argentine closed 14 higher; however, all this advance was not to be held for long as later advices from both these countries showed conditions better than first reported. The outlook in India is also unfavorable and the shipments from Russia disappointing. All these factors have had a strengthening effect on foreign markets and in turn reflected on us. It would appear that wheat values the world over are on a very sound and healthy basis. Occasional declines are not unlikely, but the relative cheapness of wheat compared with all the other necessities of life insures a large consumption and warrants its purchase on all breaks in the market. The cash demand continues unchanged for 1c. and very good for practically all other grades. Receipts have fallen off almost 300 cars a day.

Oats—While stronger at the outset, probably in sympathy with wheat, it gradually sold lower daily and the closing today is 4 lower than a week ago. Demand only fair.

Barley—Demand better and prices have improved accordingly. No. 3 C.W. selling for 43½ compared with 41½ last Saturday. Other grades have advanced relatively.

Flax—Demand unchanged, but Option have gained 1½c. for the week all round.

WINNIPEG FUTURES					
Wheat—	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May	
October 28	81½	81½	81	80½	
October 29	82½	82½	82	81	
October 30	82½	82½	82½	81½	
October 31	83	83	82½	81½	
November 1	82½	81½	81½	81½	
November 3	82½	81½	81½	81½	
Oats—					
October 28	33½	33½	33½	37½	
October 29	34	34	34	38	
October 30	34	33½	33½	38	
October 31	33½	33½	33½	37½	
November 1	33½	33½	33½	37½	
November 3	33½	33	33	37	
Flax—					
October 28	114½	115	115½		
October 29	116½	117½	117½		
October 30	115½	115½	115½		
October 31	115½	115½	115½		
November 1	115	115	122		
November 3	114½	114½	121½		

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES					
(Sample Market, Nov. 1)					
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	80	86			
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	86				
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 8 cars	84				
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, dockage	86				
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, dockage	84				
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	81				
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	82				
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	80				
Rejected wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	81				
Rejected wheat, 1 car	77				
No grade wheat, 1 car	80				
Screenings, 1 car, to arrive	6	25			
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	35				
No. 3 oats, 1 car	35				
No. 3 oats, 1 car	34				
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	36				
No grade oats, 1 car	36				
No. 3 mill oats, 1 car	27				
No. 2 rye, 4 cars	53				
No. 2 rye, 3 cars, oaty	53				
No grade barley, 1 car	50				
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	53				
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car, seeds and wheaty	61				
No. 4 barley, 1 car	58				
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car, seedy	58				
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	54				
No grade barley, 1 car	58				
Sample barley, 1 car	52				
Sample barley, 1 car, to arrive	63				
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	1	77			
No. 1 flax, 700 bu., to arrive	1	34			

WHEAT IN ELEVATORS
Ottawa, Nov. 2.—The total amount of wheat in store at terminal and eastern elevators on Oct. 23, 1913, was 15,102,135 bushels as compared with 12,746,758 bushels on the same date last year. On the same date 12,579,239 bushels of other

grains were in store, as compared with 3,424,400 bushels on the same date last year.

STOCKS IN TERMINALS			
Fort William, Oct. 31, 1913—			
1913			
1 Nor.	136,497	40	37,014
2 Nor.	5,567,836	10	965,018
3 Nor.	2,866,446	10	3,164,806
No. 4	675,273	50	2,024,916
Others	1,573,286	43	407,365
This week	10,923,404	13	
Last week	10,664,759	13	
Increase	258,645	00	

1912			
1 C.W.	18,991	27	43,201
2 C.W.	2,358,573	14	779,876
3 C.W.	749,580	16	246,039
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Ex. 1 Fd.	66,407	16	205,189
Others	406,634	09	111,980
This week	3,600,187	14	99,912
Last week	3,514,454	25	393,644
Increase	85,732	23	

1913			
Barley—			
3 C.W.	1,514,841	08	1,344,619
4 C.W.	812,440	25	236,477
Rej.	337,271	15	50,580
Feed	60,176	18	34,274
Others	35,709	01	
This week	2,760,438	19	1,930,096
Last week	2,557,301	40	
Increase	203,136	27	
Last year's total	931,686		

Shipments			
Wheat—			
1913 (lake)	7,636,901	1,758,065	292,429
(rail)	81,136	19,828	590
1912	5,585,515	831,021	277,803

CALGARY LIVE STOCK
Calgary, Oct. 31.—Receipts of live stock at Calgary this week were as follows: Cattle, 4,852; sheep, 657; hogs, 3,101; and horses, 60. Although there was not many beef cattle on the market this week, prices held unchanged, good butcher steers selling for 86.50, cows and heifers 85.50. There was a very good feeder and stocker market this week and a good many changed hands, good choice feeders 86.00 to 86.35. There was a good demand for breeding stuff, especially good quality. Hogs sold at 28.00 for the week, but buyers expect

to pay 27.75 for the coming week. Sheep hold at steady prices.

Prices for live stock, fed and watered, a c:			
Steers, choice export, 1400 to 1600	\$6.75 to \$6.85		
Steers, butcher, 1100 to 1300	5.75 to 6.25		
Steers, stockers, 800 to 1100	4.75 to 5.75		
Heifers, choice heavy	5.25 to 5.50		
Heifers, common	5.00 to 5.25		
Heifers, light	5.00 to 5.25		
Cows, choice heavy	5.00 to 5.15		
Cows, common	7.00 to 8.00		
Calves, heavy	6.50 to 8.00		
Calves, light (to 200 lbs.)	5.00 to 6.00		
Springers, choice	4.00 to 4.50		
Springers, common	5.00 to 6.00		
Bulls	4.00 to 4.50		
Oxen, light	5.00 to 6.00		
Oxen, common	4.75 to 5.25		
Lambs	4.75 to 5.25		
Sheep	4.75 to 5.25		
Hogs	8.00		

Usual cut for stags and heavies.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK
Chicago, Nov. 1.—Large hog receipts today caused prices to sag except for choice grades. Cattle trading was mostly in small lots and at no change in values. Notwithstanding that most of the sheep and lambs on sale were of a plain sort, buyers seemed willing to pay good prices.

Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; steady. Heifers 86.60 to 89.70; Texas steers, 86.70 to 87.80; western steers, 86.00 to 88.10; stockers and feeders, 85.00 to 87.50; cows and heifers, 83.35 to 88.20; calves, 86.50 to 810.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; steady to 5c. under yesterday's average. Bulk of sales, 87.85 to 88.10; light, 87.65 to 88.10; mixed, 87.60 to 88.20; heavy, 87.50 to 88.20; rough, 87.50 to 87.70; pigs, 85.50 to 87.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; steady. Native, 84.10 to 85.15; western, 84.15 to 85.15; yearlings, 85.10 to 86.15; lambs, native, 86.00 to 87.00; western, 86.00 to 87.55.

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts

For the past week the receipts at the old stock yards have been 2,218 cattle, 151 calves, 1,388 hogs and no sheep, as compared with 5,809 cattle, 219 calves, 1,914 hogs and 221 sheep for the previous week. These figures include only what came in by the C.P.R., the remainder being sent to the new yards at St. Boniface. For the corresponding week last year the numbers were 2,967 cattle, 399 calves, 1,248 hogs and 32 sheep.

Cattle
The cattle trade has been badly disorganized during the past week. All the stock coming in by the C.N.R. and Grand Trunk have been sold at the new St. Boniface stockyards, as the C.P.R. absolutely refused to handle anything at the old yards except what came in by their own road. This made two markets, when the trade was already slow, and there were hardly enough buyers for one market. The prices accordingly declined a quarter on most lines, from last week's reduced values. The very best steers are selling from 86.00 to 86.25, and the choicest females from 85.50 to 85.75. The medium quality of butcher steers and heifers are worth 85.50 to 86.75, with common grade from 84.75 to 85.00. Bulls are 84.25 to 84.50, while oxen have declined to 85.00 for the best, 84.50 for the medium and 83.00 to 84.00 for the common ones. Choice veals are 86.00 to 87.00. Southern markets

WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, November 1, were:			
Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis	
1 Nor. wheat	80 81½	80 85½	
2 Nor. wheat	79½	83½	
3 Nor. wheat	77½	81½	
No grade		77½-80	
3 White oats	31½	36½	
Barley	37½-43	48-67	
Flax, No. 1	1 13½	1 36½	
Futures—			
November wheat	82½		
December wheat	81½	82½	
May wheat	87½	87½	
Beef Cattle, top	89 25	89 70	
Hogs, top	8 25	8 20	
Sheep, yearlings	5 50	6 15	

are all lower, and present signs look like about the same values for a week or two.

All the choice hogs at the C.P.R. yards last week sold at 85.25, off car weights, and at the other yards the bulk of the hogs went at 8 cents, fed and watered. Receipts were only moderate or prices would have gone down, and the present level will probably hold good unless an extra big supply comes to hand.

Sheep and Lambs
No sheep or lambs were on the market last week, but there is not enough demand to warrant any advance on previous quotations. Best lambs are worth 86.50 to 87.00, with best mutton sheep 85.00 to 85.50.

Country Produce

Note.—Quotations are f.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are f.o.b. point of shipment.

Butter
Creamery and dairy butter are the same as a week ago, but the market is very firm and an advance is looked for shortly, unless receipts pick up considerably. Very little of the best dairy is coming forward and the demand for top quality keeps up without a break. Dealers claim, however, that best Manitoba dairy butter is not worth more than the 24.25 cents they are now paying, however scarce it gets. Supplies are being got from the cold storage plants and if these are used up, local dealers may turn to the Eastern and Southern cities.

Eggs
Eggs are much sought after these days, as the supplies from the country are short of Winnipeg's demands. Those dealers who were not previously giving 27 cents per dozen for ordinary eggs have come up to this quotation, and strictly fresh-gathered eggs are firm at 35 cents.

Potatoes
The cold weather has cut down the shipments of potatoes somewhat, and prices are a trifle better, dealers now quoting a straight 40 cent figure for good potatoes in sacks.

Milk and Cream
No change occurred at the beginning of November in the milk and cream schedule, as the creamery men decided that as the receipts from the country were keeping up fairly well, the present prices would be left a while longer.

Live Poultry
Plenty of live poultry is coming in these days, and prices are very little changed from a week ago. Turkeys are not wanted by some dealers yet, but others are giving 17 cents a pound. Chickens are 12 to 13 cents, ducks 12-14 cents, geese 12-13 cents and fowl (old hens and old roosters) 8 to 11 cents.

Dressed Meats
Dressed beef is quoted at 104 and 11 cents for top quality, dressed hogs 12 cents, dressed mutton 12 cents, dressed veal 13 14 cents and spring lamb 14 15 cents. Very limited supplies are available as yet, but Winnipeg butchers are expecting more abundant offerings when the weather gets real wintry, so that meat will be sure to keep well.

Hay
The local hay market is badly congested just now, over a hundred cars having come in recently. Prices are down 11.00 and 12.00 on all grades except Timothy, which maintains its value of 13.00 to 15.00. Best grade of Red Top is worth 29.00 to 31.00, and of Upland 28.00 to 30.00.

Furs
Local fur dealers are now making up their fall and winter fur quotations, and these will be given as soon as they are ready.

Hides, Wool, Tallow
Hides—Cured hides, 12½ cents per lb. delivered in Winnipeg; green hides, 11½ cents; western branded hides, 10 to 10½ cents; shearings and lambskins, 15 to 35 cents each.
Tallow—No. 1 tallow is worth 5 to 5½ cents lb. No. 2 4 to 4½ cents, delivered to the trade.
Wool—Manitoba wool is bringing 10 to 11 cents per lb. for coarse, 11 to 12 cents for medium, Seneca Root—45 to 45 cents per lb.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN MARKET

Liverpool, Nov. 1, 1913.			
Spot—New Crop	Close	Prev.	Close
Manitoba, No. 1, per bushel	81.00	81.00	
Manitoba No. 2, per bushel	99	99	
Manitoba No. 3, per bushel	97	97	
Futures Easy			
December, per bushel	1.02½	1.02½	
March, per bushel	1.04	1.04	
May, per bushel	1.03½	1.03½	

Basis of exchange on which prices per bushel are based is 4.82 2-3.—Winnipeg Free Press.

POTATOES

Quotations wanted for one carload delivered at Winnipeg. Must be good quality. Winnipeg Co-operative Society Ltd., 350 Cumberland Ave., Winnipeg.

Cash Prices in Store Fort William and Port Arthur from October 28 to November 3 inclusive

Date	WHEAT							OATS					BARLEY				FLAX			
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1Fd	2Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
Oct																				
28	80½	78½	76½	72½	..	..	..	33½	32½	33½	32½	31	42½	38½	37	37	114	112	101	
29	82½	80½	78½	73½	..	..	..	33½	32½	33½	32½	31	43	39	37½	37½	116	114	103	
30	82	80	78	73	..	..	..	33½	32½	33½	32½	30½	43	39	37½	37	114½	112½	101½	
31	82½	80½	78½	74½	..	..	..	33½	32½	33½	32½	30½	43½	39½	38	38	114½	112½	101½	
Nov 1	81½	79½	77½	73½	..	..	..	33½	31½	32½	31½	30	43	39	37½	37½	113½	111½	100½	
3	81½	80½	77½	73½	..	..	..	33½	31½	32½	31½	30	43½	39½	38	38	113½	111½	100½	

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Winnipeg Grain	MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Winnipeg Live Stock	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Country Produce	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat				Cattle				Butter (per lb.)			
No. 1 Nor.	81½	81½	85½		8 c. 8 c.	8 c. 8 c.	8 c. 8 c.	Fancy dairy	24c-25c	24c-25c	28c
No. 2 Nor.	80½	79½	82½	Extra choice steers	6 00-6 25	6 00-6 25	6 00-6 25	No. 1 dairy	22c	22c	25c-26
No. 3 Nor.	77½	77½	81½	Choice butcher steers and heifers	5 75-6 00	5 75-6 00	5 60-5 85	Good round lots	20c	20c	23c-24
No. 4 Nor.	73½	72½	77½					Eggs (per doz.)			
No. 5	72½	72½	77½	Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	5 25-5 50	5 40-5 60	5 75-5 60	Candled	27c	27c	28c
No. 6	61½	61½	66½	Best fat cows	5 25-5 50	5 25-5 50	5 00-5 25	Potatoes			
Feed	56	56	56	Medium cows	4 50-4 75	4 25-4 60	4 25-4 60	In sacks, per bushel	40c	35c-40c	35c
Cash Oats				Common cows							
No. 2 C.W.	33½	34	35	Best bulls	3 25-4 00	3 25-3 75	3 60-3 80	Live Poultry			
Cash Barley				Com'n and medium bulls							
No. 3	43½	42	55	Choice veal calves	4 00-4 50	4 25-4 50	3 75-4 00	Chickens	18c-19c	18c	15c
Cash Flax				Heavy calves							
No. 1 N.W.	113½	118	124	Best milkers and springers (each)	870-880	870-880	880-870	Fowl	8c-11c	10c-12c	10c
Wheat Futures				Com'n milkers and springers (each)							
November	87½	81½	86		845-860	845-860	840-850	Ducks	12c-14c	12c-13c	14c
December	81½	81½	83	Hogs				Grown	12c-13c	12c-13c	10c
May	87½	86½	87½	Choice hogs	8 00-8 25	8 00-8 25	9 00-9 50	Turkey	17c	17c	16c
Oat Futures				Heavy sows				Milk and Cream			
November	33½	34½	34½	Stags	86 00	86 25	5 00-6 50	Sweet cream (per lb. butter fat)	32c	32c	35c
December	33	34½	34½	Sheep and Lambs				Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)			
May	37	38½	..	Choice lambs	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	6 50-7 00	27c	27c	30c	
Flax Futures				Best killing sheep				Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)			
November	114½	114½	125½		5 00-5 50	5 60-6 00	5 50-5 00	82 10	82 10	82 10	
December	114½	114½	119½	Hay (per ton)							
May	121½	121½	..	No. 1 Red Top				89-911	911-912	916	
				No. 1 Upland				88-910	910-911	916	
				No. 1 Timothy				913-915	918-915	919-922	