The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, July 31, 1916)

Wheat—There was a substantial gain in prices during the week ending July 29. July closed 5¼ higher, October 3¼ higher and december 3¼ higher. Persistent reports of rust damage to American spring wheat were supplemented by reports of damage in Manitoba by rust and excessive heat. Some estimates place the damage to American wheat at twenty-five million bushels. However, the advance in prices has made export business practically unworkable, which means that at the present time prices are not on a sound basis. The demand for cash wheat in our market is poor, and for the last two days buyers have withdrawn from the market almost entirely, preferring to wait until prices are adjusted to a new basis after the july futures are out of the way.

Oats—Future prices have been very steady with a poorer demand for cash oats except three C.W.'s, which are only one-quarter cent below July price. Offerings are large, and prices have now to be adjusted to a new basis in the same way as wheat prices.

Barley—Prices have worked lower, showing a decline of 3 cents on three Canada Western and 4 cents on four Canada Western for the week. Reports are received of new crop barley about ready to cut, and even of some fields in which cutting has commenced.

Flax—Prices gained 9¼ cents to 10¼ cents for the week. There was considerable trade and activity in the futures with a stronger tone, which brought prices to a higher level.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	July	Oct.	Dec.
July 25	120¼	119¼	118
July 26	121¼	119¼	118¼
July 27	125¼	124¼	123
July 28	126¼	123¼	122¼
July 29	125¼	122¼	121
July 31	....	122¼	121¼
Week ago	122¼	121¼	120¼
Year ago	129¼	104¼	104¼
Oats—			
July 25	44¼	42¼	....
July 26	44¼	42¼	....
July 27	44¼	43	....
July 28	45	43¼	....
July 29	45	43¼	....
July 31	....	43	....
Week ago	44¼	42¼	....
Year ago	58¼	40¼	....
Flax—			
July 25	176¼	178¼	....
July 26	174¼	177¼	....
July 27	178¼	181	....
July 28	181¼	184	182¼
July 29	184¼	186¼	....
July 31	....	186¼	186¼
Week ago	174¼	177¼	....
Year ago	138	140¼	....

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, July 29)

No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	$1.30¼
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.31¼
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.30¼
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.31¼
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	1.30¼
No. 1 hard wheat, 3 cars	1.31
No. 1 hard wheat, 3 cars	1.31¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.29¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.27¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.27¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.27¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1.27¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.72
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.26¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.24¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.25¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.22¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, part car	1.22¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.23¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.23¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, frost	1.24¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.24¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.23¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.23¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, f.o.b.	1.12¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.19¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.15
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.17¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.21¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.22¼
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.94¼
No grade wheat, part car, hot	.90
No grade wheat, 1 car	.92
No grade wheat, 1 car, tough	1.13¼
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.13¼
No grade wheat, 1 car, choice c. c.	1.25
No. 1 durum, 1 car, in transit	1.23¼
No. 3 durum wheat, part car	1.10
No grade durum wheat, 1 car, heating	.91
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1.12¼
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1.14¼
Sample grade corn, 1 car, mixed	.79
Sample grade corn, 1 car	.78
No. 2 yellow corn, 2 cars	.83¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.10¼
No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	1.15¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.99¼
No. 5 wheat, 1 car	1.06¼
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.06¼
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.26¼
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1.26¼
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car Kansas	1.23¼
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car Kansas	1.23¼
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car Mont.	1.10¼
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.38
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.38¼
No. 4 white oats, part car	.38
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, choice	.38
Standard white oats, 1 car	.40¼
No grade white oats, 1 car	.38
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.40
Mill oats, part car	.29
No. 2 rye, part car	.94
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.64
No grade barley, 1 car	.64
No grade barley, 1 car	.62
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.63
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.64¼
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.67
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	.62
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.63
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.63¼
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.65¼
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.62
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.65¼
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.63
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.66¼
Sample grade barley, 1 car, run	.69
Sample grade barley, 1 car	.66
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.66
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.66
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car, spelts mixed	.60
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.66
No grade barley, 1 car, heat	.60
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.64
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.68
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.62¼
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.08
No. 1 flax, part car	2.07¼
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.08¼
No. 1 flax, part car	2.08

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending July 27 movement of grain in interior terminal elevators was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Calgary	Wheat	1,725.00	18,888.00	154,618.00
"	Oats	1,754.00	10,392.00	38,339.00
"	Barley	.....	.....	75.00
"	Mix'd Grain	.....	.....	167,710 lbs.
Saskatoon	Wheat	894.10	19,808.50	255,490.40
"	Oats	.....	4,664.14	33,447.26
"	Barley	.....	1,630.38	3,306.03
"	Flax	443.30	1,122.29	16,716.46
Moose Jaw	Wheat	5,053.20	21,976.40	378,401.10
"	Oats	4,403.28	10,506.16	25,804.28
"	Barley	.....	.....	9,933.00
"	Flax	.....	.....	7,639.04
Total this week		17,961,856	12,812,114	838,589
Total last week		19,931,069	11,901,286	920,835
Total last year		2,311,539	2,544,810	148,087

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, July 28, 1916.—

1916 Wheat

	This Year		Last Year
1 hard	38,008.30		12,377.40
1 Nor.	4,438,152.50		346,768.50
2 Nor.	1,714,970.50		567,457.30
3 Nor.	1,593,901.50		326,916.30
No. 4	885,915.40		160,939.00
Others	2,021,740.00		253,012.50
This week	10,693,589.40	This week	1,667,472.20
Last week	11,858,775.10	Last week	2,041,125.20
Decrease	1,165,185.30	Decrease	373,653.00

Oats

1 C.W.	107,301.32		323.08
2 C.W.	2,958,026.27		197,779.02
3 C.W.	1,225,718.25		80,347.25
Ex. 1 Fd.	205,582.17		51,684.28
Others	931,609.11		146,293.04
This week	5,428,319.10	This week	476,427.33
Last week	5,355,946.10	Last week	581,238.31
Increase	72,373.00	Decrease	104,810.32

Barley

3 C.W.	303,235.03		
4 C.W.	132,538.28		
Rej.	41,442.43		
Feed	13,739.27		
Others	76,448.27		
This week	567,404.42		
Last week	515,945.47		
Increase	51,458.43		
Last year's total	44,306.47		

Flaxseed

1 N.W.C.	983,914.42		
2 C.W.	113,031.49		
3 C.W.	11,833.27		
Others	37,949.38		
This week	1,146,729.44		
Last week	1,317,473.45		
Decrease	170,744.01		
Last year's total	1,205,942.48		

SHIPMENTS

1916	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax
(lake)	5,760,053	1,676,455	249,199	322,906
(rail)	91,332	371,935	3,442	795
1915				
(lake)	954,772	366,002	27,620	14,841
(rail)	43,677	3,289	.....	1,334

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending July 28, 1916.—

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	10,693,589	5,428,319	567,404
In Vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	5,179,671	6,328,970	245,185
Total	15,873,260	11,757,289	812,589
At Buffalo and Duluth	2,068,596	4,054,825	26,000

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, July 29, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.25¼	$1.29¼
2 Nor. wheat	1.22¼	1.25¼
3 Nor. wheat	1.17¼	1.22¼
3 white oats	.44¼	.39¼
Barley	61-72	59-69
Flax, No. 1	1.84	2.12
Futures—		
July wheat	1.25¼	1.25¼
Oct. wheat	1.22¼ (Sept.)	1.25¼
Dec. wheat	1.21	1.26

INSPECTIONS

On Sunday, July 30, the following cars of grain were inspected at Winnipeg:—

Grain	This Year	Last Year
Wheat	546	30
Oats	171	19
Barley	24	4
Flax	9	2
Screenings	..	1
Total	750	60

Winnipeg, July 31.—There were this morning 1,075 cars of grain in sight for inspection.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Liverpool, July 29.—Market steady.

No. 1 hard winter	$1.71¼
No. 1 Nor. Man.	1.74¼
No. 2 Nor. Man.	1.71¼
Parcels (Liverpool)	
No. 1 Nor. Man., Aug.-Sept.	1.69¼
No. 1 Nor. Man., Oct.-Nov.	1.68¼
No. 1 hard winter, Aug.-Sept.	1.66¼
Parcels (London)	
No. 1 Nor. Man., Aug.-Sept.	1.72¼

Note—These prices are approximately the value of wheat at the rate of exchange, $4.77. Rate of exchange is not furnished by Broomhall.—Manitoba Free Press.

The Livestock Markets

Chicago, July 27.—The cattle supply has been reduced in practically all the Western markets, owing to the rush of field work on farms thruout the middle northwest and a let-up by commission men on buying. This has resulted in a slight improvement on the market, but there is not a keen demand yet even for prime heavy stuff which has been commanding a premium right along. Declines of 25 cents to 40 cents per cwt. last week were common and the trade is not convinced that even this is the bottom. Quality has deteriorated. A large part of the steer supply is selling from $7.74 to $9.00. The proportion of $7.00 and $8.00 cattle is increasing and they are not selling to advantage. There has been a slight back up in the stocker and feeder trade this week, but the country is not bidding strong for this stuff at present.

Good feeders cannot be had and most of the people who know do not want thrashy stuff. $6.75 to $7.52 is doing most of the business thru the country. Quite a lot of light cattle have gone East at $6.25 to $6.85. The drouth has curtailed the demand. A good many have the conviction that this class of stuff has not reached the bottom of the market yet and many commission men are not advising purchases.

Corn fed cows are worth $7.00 to $7.80. Grassy heifers bring $6.25 to $7.50. $4.00 to $5.00 is taking most of the canner and cutter trade. Bologna bulls are selling readily in the East. The best hogs are selling around or about $10.00, but $9.35 to $9.75 has bought most of the mixed stuff during the week. Little pigs are scarce. Prices generally have been well sustained thru July. Western lambs are selling at $10.50, but $10.00 is the common price for straight lots of native lambs, practically without sorting.

There is little doing in the horse business outside of the British and French army buying. The commercial trade is dull, most of it emanating from the country. The army trade goes at $165 to $185, tho Great Britain is paying $200 for artillery horses of 1500 lbs. or over. Rejects from the army usually go to the country at $100 to $125.

Toronto, July 28.—The latter part of the week has seen rather a dull trend to the cattle market. This was even in face of the fact that the supply was considerably curtailed. Cows fell off about

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from July 25 to July 31 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
July 25	120¼	118	113¼	110¼	..	..	..	44¼	44¼	43¼	..	42¼	75	70	61	61	176	173	..	..
26	121¼	118¼	114¼	110¼	..	..	..	44¼	44¼	43¼	..	42¼	73	68¼	60	60	174¼	171¼	..	..
27	125¼	123¼	119¼	115¼	..	101¼	..	44¼	44¼	43	42¼	42¼	73	68¼	60	60	178	175	..	..
28	126¼	124¼	120	116¼	..	..	..	44	44¼	43¼	42¼	..	72	67	60	60	181¼	178¼	..	..
29	125¼	122¼	117¼	..	..	..	..	44¼	44¼	43¼	..	42	72	67¼	61	61	184	181	..	..
31	125¼	123¼	118¼	114¼	100¼	101¼	..	44¼	43	42¼	42	42	72	67¼	61	61	183¼	180¼	..	..
Week ago	122¼	119	115	111¼	105¼	..	..	44¼	44¼	43¼	43¼	42¼	75	71¼	..	..	174¼	171	..	..
Year ago	127	124	119	108	..	..	..	56	55	55	50	49	..	..	..	..	137¼	134¼	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg July 31	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto July 28	Calgary July 30	Chicago July 27	St. Paul July 29
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers	.....	.....	8.00-8.50	.....	9.50-10.25	8.50-9.50
Best butcher steers	.....	7.00-7.25	7.75-8.00	$7.00	9.00-9.50	7.50-8.50
Fair to good butcher steers	6.00-7.25	6.15-6.[illegible]	7.00-7.75	6.25-6.65	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.50
Good to choice fat cows	6.00-6.40	5.60-6.50	7.00-7.25	5.50-5.65	7.40-8.50	7.00-8.00
Medium to good cows	5.25-5.75	5.00-5.25	6.50-7.00	4.25-5.00	5.85-7.40	5.50-6.75
Common cows	4.50-5.00	4.25-4.50	5.50-6.50	4.00-4.50	4.85-5.75	4.75-5.50
Canners	3.50-4.25	.....	4.00-4.50	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.75	4.00-4.50
Good to choice bulls	6.50-7.00	$6.25	7.00-7.50	5.65-5.75	7.35-9.25	7.00-8.00
Fair to good bulls	6.00-6.40	.....	6.25-7.00	5.00-5.25	5.00-7.35	6.00-6.75
Best veals	6.00-6.50	.....	.....	4.75-5.25	.....	.....
Best butcher bulls	5.25-5.55	6.00-6.25	6.75-7.25	3.00-3.50	7.00-8.00	5.75-6.25
Common or bologna bulls	4.50-5.00	4.75-5.25	5.00-6.50	3.00-4.00	5.00-6.85	5.00-5.50
Best feeder steers	5.75-6.25	5.85-6.25	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.25	6.75-7.25	6.00-7.00
Best stocker steers	5.00-6.25	5.50-5.75	6.00-7.25	5.25-6.00	6.25-6.75	5.50-8.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$60-$70	$65-$90	$75-$85	.....	$60-$75
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$40-$50	$55-$60	$55-$65	.....	$45-$60
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	$11.25	$7.75	11.75-12.00	$10.85	9.30-9.70	9.10-9.50
Light hogs	11.00-11.25	.....	$11.35	.....	9.40-9.70	$9.50
Heavy sows	$9.00	$5.25	$9.25	.....	8.60-9.00	.....
Stags	8.00-8.25	$4.50	.....	.....	9.20-9.75	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	9.00-11.00	9.25-9.50	10.00-10.40	8.00-9.75
Best killing sheep	6.75-7.50	6.00-6.50	7.00-8.25	8.00-8.50	7.00-8.25	6.00-8.00

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg July 31	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary July 27	Saskatoon July 29	Regina July 29	Brandon July
Butter (per lb.)						
Fancy dairy	21c-23c	19c-21c	22c-23c	.....	23c	.....
No. 1 dairy	20c	20c	21c-22c	22c-23c	20c	.....
Good round lots	19c-20c	18c-19c	18c-20c	20c	18c	.....
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling	19c-22c	.....	.....	20c	.....	.....
New laid	.....	14c-15c	.....	25c	22c	.....
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, n/w	$1.35	.....	.....	45c	75c	.....
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	32c	27c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	28c-30c	23c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	.....	$2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dressed Poultry						
Spring chickens	17c	14c	24c	22c	23c	.....
Fowl	13c-14c	12c	15c-16c	20c	18c	.....
Ducks	14c	14c	13c-14c	18c	.....	.....
Geese	14c	.....	12½c-14c	18c	18c	.....
Turkeys	18c	14c	18c-17c	23c	23c	.....
Hay (per ton)				No. 1's	No. 1's	
No. 2 Red Top	$9.-$10	$17	.....	$9-$10	$12	.....
No. 2 Upland	$9-$9	$15	$9	.....	.....	.....
No. 2 Timothy	$13-$14	$21	$14	$10	$14	.....
No. 2 Midland	$17	$14	.....	$11 pressed	$18	.....
Clover and Timothy	$13-$14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....