The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, July 8, 1916)

Wheat—Closing prices on Saturday were 3½ cents higher for July than on the previous week-end, 3¼ cents higher for October and 3¼ cents higher for December. The market on Monday last was strong on account of firmer Liverpool and American markets. For the balance of the week prices see-sawed within a narrow range and the market appeared to be almost in a rut and this condition prevailed also for the greater part of Saturday morning's session. Then toward the end of Saturday's session prices jumped in American markets on account of reports of rust in the Dakota wheat and weather tending to increase such condition. Winnipeg futures followed and advanced 3¼ cents to 3½ cents, October showing the greatest advance. Whether conditions warrant these sharp advances will be shown by later advices from affected districts.

Oats—Closed ½ lower for July and ½ higher for October. Prices were fairly steady for futures during the week, but the premiums for cash oats dwindled to ½ cent over July price for Two Canada Western grade and ¼ cent under July for Three Canada Western. There are large stocks of oats in our terminals, and a large number of cars inspected each day so that buyers have little difficulty in filling their requirements.

Barley—Is in good demand now and offerings are light. As a result prices are advancing quiet steadily and for the week show a gain of from 2 to 4 cents.

Flax—Advanced from 9 cents to 9½ cents on the week's business, with considerable inquiry for the cash article indicating revived interest on the part of the crushers.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	July	Oct.	Dec.
July 4	113	108¼	107¼
July 5	112½	107½	106½
July 6	111¼	107	106½
July 7	113	108½	107½
July 8	114½	111½	109½
July 10	115¼	112¼	110¼
Week ago	113½	109	108
Year ago	135¼	102	102½
Oats—			
July 4	44½	41½	....
July 5	44	41	....
July 6	43½	44	....
July 7	44½	41½	....
July 8	44½	41½	....
July 10	44½	42	....
Week ago	44½	41½	....
Year ago	60	42½	....
Flax—			
July 4	159½	163½	....
July 5	159½	163½	....
July 6	160	163½	....
July 7	161	166	....
July 8	166	171	....
July 10	175	177	175
Week ago	158	163	....
Year ago	151	154½	....

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, July 8)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	$1 14
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1 10
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1 11
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1 08½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 09
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 10½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 10½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 11½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 09½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 11½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 08½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 07½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 05½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1 05½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 07
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1 06
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 08
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 05½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	99
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 01½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 04½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 04½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, frost	1 00
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, smut, h.h.	96½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, h.h.	96½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	98
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 01½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	96½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	36½
No grade oats, 1 car	35½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, run	37½
No. 3 rye, part car	91
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	72½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car, thin	72
No. 2 feed barley, part car	71
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	72
Sample barley, 1 car	72½
Sample barley, 1 car, musty	69
No. 1 flax, 2 cars	1 87½
No. 2 flax, 1 car	1 84½
No. 1 flax, 3 cars	1 87

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, July 7, 1916.—

1916 Wheat	This Year		Last Year	
1 hard	29,848.20		12,377.40	
1 Nor.	6,677,999.10		818,692.10	
2 Nor.	2,373,218.10		783,864.20	
3 Nor.	1,475,879.00		451,102.50	
No. 4	1,722,706.10		168,210.00	
Others	1,803,900.10		395,530.40	
This week	13,483,551.00	This week	2,429,777.40	
Last week	14,860,366.00	Last week	2,399,718.40	
Decrease	1,376,815.00	Increase	30,059.00	
Oats				
1 C.W.	68,896.10		323.08	
2 C.W.	2,263,118.13		504,161.03	
3 C.W.	1,268,763.25		152,608.17	
Ex. 1 Fd.	291,825.08		68,286.14	
Others	870,318.05		215,634.33	
This week	4,762,921.27	This week	941,014.07	
Last week	4,288,470.02	Last week	994,590.16	
Increase	474,451.25	Increase	53,576.09	
Barley		**Flaxseed**		
3 C.W.	247,894.40	3 N.W.C.	1,196,769.19	
4 C.W.	128,801.16	2 C.W.	115,849.53	
Rej.	36,872.47	3 C.W.	9,601.50	
Feed	12,904.36	Others	22,278.51	
Others	32,153.05			
This week	458,627.00	This week	1,344,500.05	
Last week	555,784.42	Last week	1,405,351.46	
Decrease	97,157.42	Decrease	60,851.41	
Last year's total	193,951.33	Last year's total	1,191,115.10	

SHIPMENTS

	1916—Lake	1916—Rail
Wheat	7,070,212.00	92,511.40
Oats	2,229,960.29	25,136.20
Barley	276,377.02	1,125.26
Flax	226,993.07	213.43
	1915—Lake	**1915—Rail**
Wheat	295,867.00	28,341.00
Oats	199,294.00	6,561.00
Barley		8.00
Flax	103,203.00	

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Liverpool, July 8.—Market steady.

No. 1 hard winter	$1 48½
No. 2 red winter	1 48
No. 1 Northern, Blue Stem	1 53½
No. 1 Northern Manitoba	1 55
No. 2 Northern Manitoba	1 53½
Parcels (Liverpool)	
No. 1 Man. Nor., July-Aug.	1 49½
No. 1 Man. Nor., Aug.-Sept.	1 51½

These prices are at the current rate of exchange $4.77.—Manitoba Free Press.

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending July 5, movement of grain in interior terminal elevators was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Moose Jaw	Wheat	1,033.50	33,891.00	479,437.40
"	Oats	193.18	4,147.22	35,674.28
"	Barley		5,487.06	9,933.00
"	Flax			10,092.41
Calgary	Wheat	1,880.00	17,419.00	197,930.00
"	Oats		12,240.00	59,472.00
"	Barley			3,861.00
"	Flax			
Saskatoon	Wheat	5,447.30	164,588.30	740,250.30
"	Oats		11,213.08	212,567.09
"	Barley		1,227.07	16,233.29
"	Flax		5,742.32	39,816.33

The Livestock Markets

South St. Paul, July 8.—Hot weather conditions have prevailed in the livestock trade since the month opened. Few changes of importance occurred in the cattle market, fluctuation of prices having been very slight. Heavy "water fills" induced by the high temperatures offset whatever easier trend prices developed, so that dressed meat cost packers practically the same as during the latter part of June.

Low dressing percentages have been the rule of late, as nearly all the cattle now being offered are of grassy grade. The week's receipts included very few lots of dryfed beeves, a bunch of steers selling Friday at $9.70, being about the best offered.

Cows and heifers were obliged to sell mostly between $5.00 and $7.00 a hundredweight, as rank and file of the run was of plain to fairly good quality, and nearly everything had had a run on grass so that the "washy" characteristics to which packers object were much in evidence. Cutters and canners continued to command steady prices, mainly between $4.00 and $4.85. Fat bulls were subjected to more or less pressure during the week, and near the close were rated by many sellers as 15 to 25 cents down.

Demand for stockers and feeders was not energetic, but proved adequate to keep decent finishing stuff moving at rates averaging fully steady. Sales of steers and yearlings above the $5.00 to $7.00 spread, which caught the majority of the offerings, were infrequent.

Hog prices shifted mildly during the week, but held close to the season's highest level. The selling basis on late sessions was mainly between $9.40 and $9.70. Discrimination against piggy stuff, coarse and grassy hogs and old sows is reported by sellers.

Sheep and lamb prices held steady all week after the 25 to 50 cents declines of the previous week. Lambs topped at $10.25, with inferior grades ranging from $6.00 to $9.50.

Calgary, July 6.—Few shipments were received at the Alberta stockyards Wednesday, but two cars of hogs having come in. These sold at a fair figure, some bringing $10.10 per cwt. Three cars of mixed cattle were received, and cows sold for $6.00 and steers for $7.00 for the best quality.

Toronto, July 7.—Receipts for the end of the week were light and those offered were readily cleaned up early this week, which should leave a stronger tone in the trade, provided the run is not excessive. Good to choice steers sold $9.00 to $10.00 and medium to good $8.25 to $9.00. Prices are 50 cents off for better classes; 75 cents poor classes of steers and heifers; 75 cents lower for bulls and cows as this week closes compared with a week ago.

There is a fair inquiry for stockers, but buyers appeared nervous at paying high prices. From $7.00 to $8.00 was paid for better classes, and $6.00 to $7.00 for medium to good. The demand for calves is most insistent, also for spring lambs and light sheep. Choice spring lambs brought $10.00 to $12.50. Light sheep $7.00 to $8.50. Hogs sold readily at $11.40 to $11.50 fed and watered. Runs have been liberal during the last two days. The market closed somewhat weaker with promise of a break 25 cents or more early next week.

Winnipeg, July 10.—The Livestock Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. Ltd. reports receipts at the Union stockyards last week as follows: Cattle, 1,420; calves, 200; sheep and lambs, 300; hogs, 6,400.

With only moderate receipts there is little change in prices for butcher cattle from last week. Few really good cattle are coming in and altho a few odd lots of steers brought $9.00, the bulk sold for $7.50 to $8.50. Cows, bulls and oxen remain about steady. Stockers and feeders are lower, but still bringing over $6.50. Little change is looked for this week. There was a fair run of calves last week. Choice veal calves weighing 125 to 200 lbs. bring $7.50 to $8.50.

Sheep and lambs came forward only fairly liberally. Good quality sheep brought $6.75 to $7.50, and choice lambs $8.00 to $9.00.

The hog market opened Monday with selects selling at $10.40 fed and watered. The prices held steady here until Friday when selects sold at $10.35 tho a few even went to $10.45.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal Western markets on Saturday, July 8, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1 14½	$1 15½
2 Nor. wheat	1 13½	1 12½
3 Nor. wheat	1 10	1 09½
3 white oats	43½	38½
Barley	63½-73½	66-74
Flax, No. 1	1 68	1 92
Futures—		
July wheat	1 14½	1 12½
Oct. wheat	1 11½ (Sept.)	1 12½
Dec. wheat	1 09½	1 13½

Country Produce

Winnipeg, July 10.—Note: Prices quoted are f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—Fancy dairy and No. 1 are the same as last week. Round lots are a cent higher. There has been a liberal supply of the better dairy butter come in on this market and produce men have not found it necessary to pay any premium for this product. They also state that they prefer to encourage, wherever possible, producers to ship cream which may be manufactured into creamery butter and which will ultimately become a standardized article.

Eggs—Are the same price as last week and plenty of them reaching the city.

Sweet Cream—Is also as strong as ever and 32 is the price for sweet and 27 and 29 for No. 1 and No. 2 sour. The supply reaching Winnipeg is only medium.

Hay—The hay market is still loaded up and at the present time new hay is beginning to reach Winnipeg so that any great advance in price from now on can scarcely be expected. The crop seems to be a liberal one all over the country and in the States next to us and in Ontario it is heavier than for many years.

Potatoes—New potatoes from the Southern States are beginning to reach this market. People have got pretty well tired of the old ones from Manitoba or other parts of the prairies and they have been a distinctly poor quality during the last couple of weeks. It should not be long before there should be a liberal supply at home.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from July 4 to July 10 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2CW	3CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
July																				
4	113½	111½	108½	102½	96½	93	88	45	44½	44	43½	42	72	68	63	63	159½	156½	..	..
5	112½	110½	107½	101½	95½	92½	87½	44½	45½	43½	43½	41½	72	68	63	63	159½	156½	..	..
6	112	110	107½	101½	95½	91	85½	44	43½	43	43	41½	72½	68½	63	63	159½	156½	..	..
7	113½	111½	108½	102½	96½	93	87	44½	43½	43½	43½	41½	73	69	63½	63½	162½	159½	..	..
8	114½	113½	110	104	98	95½	89½	44½	43½	43½	43½	42½	73½	69½	63½	63½	168	165	..	..
10	115	113½	110½	104½	98½	95	91	44½	43½	43½	43½	41½	74	70	64	64	175	172	..	..
Week ago	113½	112	109½	103	97	93½	88½	45½	45½	44½	43½	42½	71	67	62	62	158½	155½	..	..
Year ago	135½	132½	127½	..	..	..	..	60	57	52	56	55	70	65	57	57	150½	147½	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg July 10	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto July 7	Calgary July 9	Chicago July 6	St. Paul July 8
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers		8 00-8 65	10 00-10 25	.....	1 00-1 00	9 25-10 00
Best butcher steers	8 50-9 00	6 85-7 25	9 50-10 00	7 00	9 75-10 50	8 25-9 25
Fair to good butcher steers	7 00-8 00	6 00-6 25	8 40-9 50	6 25-6 75	9 00-9 75	7 00-8 00
Good to choice fat cows	6 00-6 75	5 25-5 60	7 00-7 75	6 00-6 50	7 85-9 15	7 00-8 00
Medium to good cows	5 25-6 00	5 00-5 25	6 50-7 00	5 25-5 50	6 15-7 85	5 75-6 75
Common cows	4 50-5 50	4 50-4 75	5 75-6 50	3 75-4 25	5 25-6 15	5 00-5 75
Canners	3 50-4 25		4 25-5 00	2 50-3 00	3 75-5 15	4 00-4 40
Good to choice heifers	7 00-8 00	5 85-6 25	8 25-9 00	6 00-6 50	7 85-10 00	7 00-8 00
Fair to good heifers	6 00-6 75		6 00-8 50	5 75-6 00	5 50-7 85	6 25-7 00
Best cows	6 00-7 00		.....	.....	.....	.....
Best bulls	6 00-7 00	5 25-5 50	7 25-8 00	5 00-5 50	7 00-8 25	6 50-7 00
Canners or bologna bulls	4 50-5 50	4 00-4 50	6 00-6 75	3 75-4 25	5 00-6 50	5 50-6 25
Best feeder steers	6 00-6 25	5 75-6 00	7 25-8 25	6 00-6 25	7 25-8 50	7 00-7 50
Best stocker steers	5 00-6 50	4 75-5 50	7 00-8 00	5 00-6 25	7 00-8 00	6 50-7 00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$55-$70	$90-$95	$65-$80	.....	$65-$80
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$35-$45	$50-$80	$50-$60	.....	$45-$65
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	10 00-10 25	$8 50-$8 75	11 40-11 50	$9 00	$9 70-$9 85	$9 35-$9 50
Light hogs	10 00-10 40		10 90-11 10	.....	$9 50-$9 75	$ 40-$ 50
Heavy sows	$6 00-$6 50	$6 00-$6 25	$ 90-$ 10	.....	$9 00-$9 40	.....
Stags	$4 50-$7 00	$4 50	.....	.....	$9 25-$9 50	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	$8 00-$9 00	$9 00-$9 25	$9 00-10 00	$8 00	10 50-11 00	$9 25-$9 25
Best killing sheep	$6 75-$7 50	$7 00-$7 50	$7 50-$8 50	$5 00-$5 50	$6 75-$8 00	$5 00-$6 00

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg July 10	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary July 6	Saskatoon July 8	Regina July 8	Brandon June
Butter (per lb.)						
Fancy dairy	21c-23c	19c-21c	22c-23c	.....	23c	.....
No. 1 dairy	20c	20c	21c-22c	22c	20c	.....
Good round lots	19c-20c	18c-19c	18c-20c	20c	18c	.....
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling	19c-22c	.....	.....	22c	[illegible]	.....
New laid	.....	18c	.....	25c	22c	.....
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	50c-60c	50c-55c	50c-55c	50c-60c	75c	.....
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	32c	27c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)	27c-29c	23c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	.....	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dressed Poultry						
Spring chickens	17c	14c	24c	22c	25c	.....
Fowl	13c-14c	12c	13c-16c	20c	17c	.....
Ducks	14c	18c	13c-14c	18c	.....	.....
Geese	14c	.....	12½c-14c	18c	.....	.....
Turkeys	18c	14c	15c-17c	25c	20c-24c	.....
Hay (per ton)		No. 1's				
No. 2 Red Top	$13	$17	.....	.....	No. 1's	.....
No. 2 Upland	$11	$14	$9	.....	$11	.....
No. 2 Timothy	$15-$17	$21	$14	8c-9c	$14	.....
No. 2 Midland	$10	$13	.....	$11 present	.....	.....
Clover and Timothy	$14-$15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....