

GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(GRAIN GROWERS' GRAIN COMPANY'S OFFICE, MARCH 14TH, 1911.)

Wheat. For the past week Winnipeg cash wheat has worked up a little, the usual reaction following a long continued decline. The millers have been good buyers, but the export demand has been rather poor, the British people concluding apparently, to wait off until they can get some cheaper wheat from Southern Russia on the opening of navigation from the Black Sea ports in a short time now. Still, it must be remembered that wheat has recently touched a new low level for the last four years, and it may be the bear campaign has been carried too far. The bull element in the American markets are doing their very best to promote some crop scares as regards the growing winter wheat crop, while on the other hand, the bears are just as insistent that the growing crop is in the pink of condition, and unusually forward for this time of the year. It looks as if it will be a manipulative market for the next few weeks, until the situation is somewhat cleared by the moving of stocks at the opening of navigation.

Oats. Oats have held dull and steady with a little stronger tendency, and a decided scarcity of cash oats for immediate shipment, the grain in store being closely held by the elevator companies in order to make their storage until the opening of navigation. A feature of the oat inspections has been that a higher percentage than ever before of our Western oats is going West to Calgary. Along there, with a considerable quantity of our oats being worked for export, the market should improve, and we think farmers would do well to continue keeping their oats into the summer.

Barley. This grain has been dull with poor demand for the last week. Dealers in barley are just biding their time until it is known whether reciprocity will pass or not. Stocks of barley are fairly small, and would readily be absorbed if reciprocity passes, but if not, barley will likely be dull throughout the summer.

Flax. For another week a great dullness in the flax market with only occasional purchases of seed by the grinders when they are able to sell some carloads of oil.

RETAIL MARKET

Retailers offer the following prices

l.c.b., Winnipeg

Butter	
Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. bricks	47c
Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks	45c
Eggs	
Strictly fresh gathered	45c
Dressed Poultry	
Spring chickens, dry plucked drawn, head and feet off	22c
Fowl, shipped same as chickens 16c	17c
Turkeys, dressed and drawn	43c
Ducks, dressed and drawn	18c
Geese, dressed and drawn	21c

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

Dressed Meat	
Quotations for dressed meat given by retail butchers show no change from last week.	
Beef	
Prime carcasses	9c
Front quarters	7 1/2c to 8c
Hind quarters	10 1/2c
Pork	
Prime carcasses	10 1/2c to 11c
Veal (Skins on)	
Prime carcasses	9c
Heavy and inferior	8 c to 8 1/2c

HIDES, TALLOW AND WOOL	
Dealers quote prices as follows:	
Green frozen hide and kip	6 1/2c flat
Green frozen calves	9c
Tallow	4 1/2c to 5 1/2c
Wool	8 1/2c to 10 1/2c

WINNIPEG FUTURES			
Following are the closing quotations on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange during the past week for wheat, oats and flax, for May, July and October deliveries:			
Wheat	May	July	Oct.
March 8	92	91 1/2	88 1/2
March 9	91 1/2	90	88
March 10	91 1/2	90 1/2	88 1/2
March 11	92	91	89
March 12	92	91	88 1/2
March 13	92	91 1/2	89
March 14	92	91 1/2	89

Oats	May	July	Oct.
March 8	32 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2
March 9	32 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2
March 10	32 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2
March 11	32 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2
March 12	32 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2
March 13	32 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2
March 14	32 1/2	33 1/2	31 1/2

Flax	May	July	Oct.
March 8	485	480	480
March 9	480	480	480
March 10	480	480	480
March 11	480	480	480
March 12	481	480	480
March 13	481	481	481
March 14	481	481	481

LIVERPOOL SPOT CASH	
(Conv. Trade News, FRANKFURT 28, 1911)	
Wheat	7 1/4 approx 21.05 5-5
No. 1 Nor. Man.	7 1/4 " 1.09 1-5
No. 2 Nor. Man.	7 1/4 " 1.09 1-5
No. 3 Nor. Man.	7 1/4 " 1.09 4-5
No. 4 Man.	7 1/4 " 1.09 4-5

BRITISH LIVE STOCK	
Liverpool, March 13.—John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, state that although trade at Birkenhead market today was very slow, Satur- day's prices were well maintained and the market was firm at the following quotations: States and Canadian steers, 14 1/4 to 15 1/4 cents per pound.	

CANADIAN VISIBLE

(Official to Winnipeg Grain Exchange)

March 11, 1911			
Wheat	Oats	Barley	
Total visible	11,516,561	3,164,526	4,864,441
Last year	11,563,031	2,994,193	341,500
Last year	10,878,148	2,584,119	1,980,125

Not including Victoria Harbor			
P. J. Williams	6,808,550	2,389,775	117,500
P. J. Williams	5,512,551	2,512,717	416,831
Collingwood	91,981	42,784	.....
Medford	97,142	41,947	.....
Midland Mills	328,063	131,851	.....
Collingwood	14,507	.....	.....
Owen Sound	58,516	24,877	.....
Goderich	537,076	24,814	4,419
St. Catharines	218,490	5,519	9,122
P. J. Williams	205,413	.....	.....
Kingston	45,000	35,000	.....
Prescott	67,780	.....	.....
Montreal	894,161	704,200	84,762
Quebec	14,000	82,000	5,530
Victoria Harbor	234,000	130,822	.....

Wheat Afloat in Harbours		
Wheat	Oats	Barley
Tiffin	190,000	190,000
Thunder	75,000	.....
Collingwood	317,841	.....
Sarnia	141,049	73,549
P. J. Williams	581,143	840,644
Duluth	1,187,622	385,591
Buffalo	90,000
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TERMINAL STOCKS

Total wheat in store, Port William and Port
Arthur, on March 15, 1911, was 7,983,787 48, as
against 8,673,827 19 last week, and 5,885,195 19
last year. Total shipments for the week were
193,897, last year 299,551.

Amount of each grade was:		
No.	This year	Last year
No. 1 Hard	4,939 10	49,992 30
No. 1 Northern	1,806,147 50	1,646,773 50
No. 2 Northern	1,812,466 40	2,000,893 90
No. 3 Northern	1,786,933 30	1,164,711 80
No. 4	517,538 10	353,991 50
Montreal	345,017 00	75,132 00
Other grades	1,039,845 20	984,877 00
	7,983,787 48	5,885,195 19

Stocks of Oats		
No. 1 Extra	1,993 18	.....
No. 1 White	241,694 85	205,536 18
No. 2 White	3,885,467 24	2,894,053 00
No. 3 White	474,379 00	354,070 00
Mixed	2,636 85	11,883 14
Other grades	854,514 14	108,724 29
	6,995,492 00	3,754,228 00

Stocks of Barley		
No. 3	535,274 00	488,577 00
Flat	363,214 00	206,719 00
	898,488 00	695,296 00

Shipments	
Oats	65,656
Barley	18,652
Flat	18,652

AMERICAN BARLEY MARKET

Chicago, March 13.—Barley closed a trifle easier
but prices are practically unchanged. The top of
the market was 92.
Milwaukee, March 13.—Cash barley closed as
follows: No. 2, 97 to 98; medium, 95 1/2 to 100;
No. 3, 96 to 98; No. 4, 89 to 91; reported, 90; Wis-
consin, 89 to 98.
San Francisco, March 13.—Barley closed: May,
81 1/2; December, 81 1/2.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Ill., March 13.—Cattle—Receipts
25,000; market steady to 10c lower; hoves,
\$2.15 to \$2.85; Texas steers, \$4.55 to \$5.85;
Western steers, \$4.70 to \$5.75; stockers and feeders,
\$4.00 to \$5.75; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$3.80;
Calves \$6.75 to \$8.75.
Hogs—Receipts 6,500; market more active,
steady to 5c higher than opening; light, \$6.85 to
\$7.40; mixed \$6.75 to \$7.05; heavy, \$6.55 to
\$7.00; rough, \$6.55 to \$6.70; good to choice heavy,
\$6.70 to \$7.00; pigs, \$6.50 to \$7.10; bulk of sales,
\$6.55 to \$7.05.
Sheep—Receipts 20,000; market steady;
native, \$3.00 to \$4.00; western, \$3.15 to \$4.00;
yearlings, \$4.75 to \$5.85; lambs, native, \$5.00 to
\$6.40; western, \$5.25 to \$6.45.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, March 13.—Receipts were 74 cars with
1,543 head of cattle, 27 calves, 174 sheep and
lambs, 1,158 hogs and 65 horses. Trade was
fairly active towards the close of the market,
though starting off slowly. The quality of offerings
was good and included several loads of extra
choice well finished animals. There was a good
demand for both butcher and export cattle.
Prices were steady to firmer, at the best prices of
last week, the top for exports being \$6.10 for these
loads of very choice quality. Several choice loads
of butchers sold at \$5.85. There was a light run of
lambs which sold at \$7.00. Hogs were steady
and unchanged from last quotations, but the
market was weak. Today's quotations, top for
choice export for the London markets, \$6.10, for
Liverpool market \$5.50 to \$6.00. Choice butchers
\$5.75 to \$5.85, good to medium butcher \$5 to \$5.40.
Cows \$4 to \$4.90, bulls \$4 to \$5.00. Lambs firm
at \$6.25 to \$7, sheep steady at \$4.50 to \$4.85.
Hogs \$6.75 f.a.b. and \$7.05 fed and watered.

Winnipeg Live Stock Country Produce

Stockyard Receipts

(Week ending March 11)	
Cattle	Hogs, Sheep
C. P. R.	285 567
C. N. R.	113 48
G. T. P.	8 64
Totals	406 679

Disposition	
Butchers East	17
Stockers West	88
Oven West	20
Consumed locally	271

Cattle

There is no change in prices or conditions on the cattle market. Best butcher cattle will bring above six dollars per cwt. and there are few arriving.
Cattle prices quoted are:
Best butcher steers 85 75 to 86 25
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers 4 75 " 5 00
Best fat cows 4 75 " 5 00
Medium cows and heifers 4 25 " 4 50
Common cows 3 25 " 3 50
Best bulls 3 50 " 4 00
Common bulls 3 00 " 3 25
Stockers 3 50 " 3 75
Choice veal calves 5 00 " 5 50
Heavy calves 4 50 " 5 00

Hogs

Prices remain the same on the hog market as last week. Packers are making efforts to get porkers at \$7.50 per cwt but have been able to purchase few at this price.
Hog prices quoted are:
Choice hogs 87 75
Heavy sows 86 00 to 7 00
Stags 3 25 " 3 75

Sheep and Lambs

Prices show no change from last week.
Good sheep 85 25 to 83 20
Yearlings 3 75 " 6 00

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

Butter prices have taken a slump during the past week and the fancy grade is off one to two cents per pound. Dealers state that stocks in the East are heavy and holders are having a hard time getting rid of the accumulation so are forced to lower prices considerably. There will probably be no scarcity this spring as present conditions seem to indicate that the new make will be moving early. Wholesalers quote the following prices f.o.b., Winnipeg—
Fancy dairy 22c to 24c
No. 1 dairy 18c " 20c
Good round lots without culls
No. 2 15c " 16c
No. 3 12c " 13c

Eggs

Eggs have also been on the toboggan this week and a full four cents per dozen has been knocked off the price offered for the best article. Dealers state that quite a few are coming from Western points. They offer twenty cents per dozen for new laid stock. Storage eggs are finding a poor outlet.

Potatoes

There is practically no change on the potato market. Demand is good and dealers are offering from 80 to 90 cents per bushel.

Hay

Wild hay is off one to two dollars per ton, dealers stating that the market is flooded. Timothy prices are unchanged. Dealers offer the following prices per ton, on track, Winnipeg:

Wild Hay	
No. 1	\$11 00 to \$12 00
No. 2	10 00
No. 3	8 00 " 9 00
No. 4	6 00 " 7 00
1 rejected	5 00
Timothy	
No. 1	\$17 00
No. 2	15 00

QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from MAR. 8 to MAR. 14, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT							OATS		BARLEY		FLAX	
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	1 1	2 1	3	4	Rej. Feed.	1NW 1Man. Rej
	11	12	21	22	22	22	Rej. 1' Rej. 2' Seeds	2c.	3c.	3	4	Rej.	Feed.
MAR. 8	80 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2	73 1/2	67 1/2	60	29 1/2	30	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
9	88	86 1/2	83 1/2	78 1/2	73 1/2	66	60	30	30	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
10	89 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	79 1/2	74 1/2	68	60	30	30	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
11	90 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	80 1/2	74 1/2	68 1/2	60 1/2	30	30	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
13	89 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	79 1/2	74 1/2	67 1/2	61	30 1/2	30 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
14	90 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	80 1/2	74 1/2	68 1/2	61	30 1/2	30 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2