

the best bushel of short white oats was won by J. Sanigan, Efros, Saskatchewan; medium white oats, A. E. Barnes, Bow Island, Alberta; long white oats, S. C. Hagen, Winterburn, Sask.; black oats, W. S. Simpson, Glenbryan, Sask.; barley, N. Taitinger, Claresholm, Alberta; flax, H. Woolley, Dunmore, Alberta; Western rye grass, A. Perrey, Cardston, Alberta; alfalfa, H. H. Jenkins, Pincher Creek, Alberta; timothy, A. Perrey, Cardston, Alberta; potatoes, O. D. Matheson, Armstrong, British Columbia. These triumphs for Western Canada were achieved in open competition with the world. They tell their own story.

THE MARKET FOR GRAIN

But the productivity of our wheat lands, and modern transportation facilities, would be of little value if the farmer were not assured of a good price for his crop. The figures quoted below answer all questions on that score. There is a considerable home market for wheat and cereals, but the bulk of the wheat is exported, the business being transacted through the Grain Exchange at Winnipeg.

The following table shows the average price per bushel of No. 1 Northern wheat f.o.b. Fort William or Port Arthur during the last nine years.

1904—\$.92	1907—\$.90	1910—\$1.00 $\frac{3}{4}$
1905— .91	1908— 1.06	1911— .94 $\frac{1}{2}$
1906— .77	1909— 1.10	1912— 1.00 $\frac{3}{4}$

No. 2 Northern wheat averages about three cents lower than No. 1. and No. 3 about three cents lower than No. 2.

Average prices per bushel of No. 2 oats for six years:

1907—\$.42	1909—\$.40 $\frac{3}{4}$	1911—\$.34
1908— .43	1910— .35	1912— .41 $\frac{1}{2}$

Average prices per bushel of No. 3 barley for six years:

1907—\$.50	1909—\$.50 $\frac{3}{4}$	1911—\$.63
1908— .50	1910—.....*	1912— .48 $\frac{3}{4}$

Average prices per bushel No. 1 flax for six years:

1907—\$1.22	1909—\$1.42	1911—\$2.28 $\frac{3}{4}$
1908— 1.15	1910—.....*	1912— 1.93 $\frac{3}{4}$

* Not quoted by Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

The tariff of freight charges on grain from stations in Saskatchewan to Fort William or Port Arthur is from 16 to 20 cents per hundred pounds, or from 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 cents per bushel for wheat, from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 cents per bushel for oats, from 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per bushel for barley, and from 9 to 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per bushel for flax. The rate of transportation is somewhat lower from Manitoba points, and higher from points in Alberta.

THE GRAIN MARKETING SYSTEM

In Canada all grain is sold according to grades established by law. The inspectors are government appointees, and decide the grade of all grain passing out of the country. The warehouse commissioner, whose office is at Winnipeg, Manitoba, is also a government official. He is not