

# The Farmers' Market

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, December 4, 1915)

Wheat—Prices ranged higher this week following the government's action in commandeering all the contract grades of wheat in store Fort William. At the close today prices showed net gains of almost 10 cents per bushel for the week. At the outset prices here were strong and afterwards the American markets as well as the Liverpool market came in higher every day, which had a strengthening effect on prices here. The trade was rather upset owing to the government's action, but it is gradually working itself out. It would look as if the present "bull" market will probably continue for a while yet providing continued strength is shown in the outside markets, which will have a strengthening effect here. The demand for cash wheat this last week was fairly good, but offerings continue to arrive fairly heavily. One Northern at the close today was trading at 3 cents over the December, 2 Northern 1 cent over the December and 3 Northern 3/4 cents under the December, if in store and available for immediate delivery.

Oats—Prices have advanced 2 to 3 cents following the advance in wheat and strength in American coarse grains. The demand for cash oats is very good and narrow spreads prevail between the lower grades.

Barley—Prices are unchanged to 2 cents higher, top grades being in good demand; or on the other hand, the low grades are not meeting a very good market.

Flax—Market is holding fairly steady following whatever the trend in Duluth may be and prices for the week are not much changed.

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	Nov.	Dec.	May	No grade wheat, 2 cars	96 1/2
Nov. 30	100	102 1/2	102 1/2	No. 4 wheat, 1 car	96
Dec. 1	102 1/2	104	104	No. 4 white oats, part car	38
Dec. 2	104 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	No. 4 white oats, 1 car	38 1/2
Dec. 3	105 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	Standard white oats, 1 car	40 1/2
Dec. 4	107 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	No. 3 white oats, 3 cars	39 1/2
Dec. 6	112 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	Standard white oats, 1 car	40
Week ago	No Market			No. 3 white oats, 1 car	39 1/2
Year ago	117 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	No grade oats, 2 cars	37 1/2
Oats—				Sample grade oats, 1 car	38 1/2
Nov. 30	41 1/2	38 1/2	40 1/2	No. 4 mixed oats, 1 car	37 1/2
Dec. 1	38 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	Mill oats, 1 car	32
Dec. 2	40 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	No. 3 white oats, 1 car, short rate	39
Dec. 3	42 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	No. 4 mixed oats, 1 car	38 1/2
Dec. 4	40 1/2	43	43	Sample oats, 1 car	39
Dec. 6	41 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	No. 4 white oats, 1 car	39
Week ago	43 1/2	39	41 1/2	No. 2 rye, 1 car, choice	92 1/2
Year ago	52 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	No. 2 rye, 1 car	91 1/2
Flax—				No. 2 rye, 5 cars	92 1/2
Nov. 30	184	182 1/2	188 1/2	No. 2 rye, 1 car, short rate	92
Dec. 1	182 1/2	189 1/2	189 1/2	No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	65
Dec. 2	183 1/2	191 1/2	191 1/2	No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	64 1/2
Dec. 3	181 1/2	187 1/2	187 1/2	Sample barley, 15 cars	63
Dec. 4	183 1/2	190 1/2	190 1/2	Sample barley, 7 cars	62
Dec. 6	184 1/2	190 1/2	190 1/2	Sample barley, 6 cars	62 1/2
Week ago	184 1/2	184 1/2	190 1/2	Sample barley, 6 cars	62 1/2
Year ago	124 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	No. 1 flax, 1 car	2 04 1/2

### MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Dec. 4)

No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	\$1 10 1/2
No. 1 hard wheat, 4 cars	1 11
No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars, extra choice	1 13 1/2
No. 1 hard wheat, 3 cars	1 11 1/2
No. 1 hard wheat, 4 cars	1 11 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 13 cars	1 08 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 11 cars	1 10 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 14 cars	1 07 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 11 cars	1 08 1/2
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 08 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1 04 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 07 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, frost	1 05
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 06 1/2
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars, o.w.b.	1 06 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	1 01 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 00 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1 00 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 01 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	99 1/2
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 00 1/2
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1 00
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.88
Sample wheat, 1 car	1 01
No. 2 mixed wheat, 1 car	1 03 1/2
No. 4 mixed wheat, 1 car	.98 1/2
No. 2 mixed hard wheat, 1 car	.97 1/2
No. 2 mixed wheat, 1 car	1 04 1/2
Screenings, 1 car, per ton	14 00
Screenings, 1 car, per ton	18 00
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	.98 1/2
No grade wheat, 1 car, c. c. smut	1 01 1/2
No grade wheat, 1 car, hot	.75

### LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Liverpool, December 4.—

Spot Wheats	Previous Prices
No. 1 Hard Winter	\$1 70 1/2 \$1 70 1/2
Rosafe	1 62 1/2 1 62 1/2
No. 1 Manitoba	1 70 1/2 1 70 1/2
No. 2 Manitoba	1 66 1 66
No. 3 Manitoba	1 64 1 64 1/2
No. 1 Northern Duluth	1 75 1 75 1/2

### Future Parcels

No. 1 Man., Dec.-Jan. delivery	1 63	1 57 1/2
No. 1 Man., Jan.-Feb. delivery	1 62 1/2	1 62 1/2
No. 2 Man., Dec.-Jan. delivery	1 59	1 59
No. 1 Man., Dec. delivery, London	1 65 1/2	1 61 1/2
No. 1 Man., Dec.-Jan. delivery, London	1 64 1/2	1 64 1/2
No. 2 Man., Nov.-Dec. delivery, London	1 63 1/2	1 61 1/2

Note.—These cable quotations have been translated into dollars per bushel at the rate of \$1.71 exchange; this varies from day to day, but Broomhall's decline to commit themselves to a rate at present.—Manitoba Free Press.

### STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, Dec. 3, 1915.—

1915 Wheat	This Year	Last Year
1 hard	62,344.40	14,206.40
1 Nor.	2,434,041.10	837,301.50
2 Nor.	1,870,236.20	1,016,386.10
3 Nor.	1,166,269.10	785,141.30
No. 4	1,111,284.20	526,807.20
Others	2,590,738.50	939,758.30

This week	9,234,914.30	This week	4,119,602.00
Last week	18,045,353.40	Last week	5,390,285.20

Oats	This week	Last week
Decrease	8,810,439.10	Decrease 1,270,683.20
1 C.W.	98,938.16	15,525.30
2 C.W.	1,696,153.03	431,924.01
3 C.W.	1,158,517.23	298,447.33
Ex. 1 Fd.	217,171.15	209,673.08
Others	1,476,812.22	946,324.33

This week	4,647,593.11	This week	1,892,896.03
Last week	4,074,382.15	Last week	1,623,292.32

Barley	This week	Last week
Increase	573,210.30	Increase 269,603.05
3 C.W.	462,831.08	1 N.W.C. 492,690.25
4 C.W.	281,188.20	2 C.W. 58,241.24
Rei.	52,781.24	3 C.W. 20,982.07
Feed	47,279.16	Others 25,056.35
Others	184,615.45	

This week	1,028,696.17	This week	596,970.35
Last week	778,972.40	Last week	672,304.26

Flaxseed	This week	Last week
Increase	249,732.25	Decrease 75,333.47
Last year's total	249,277.00	Last year's total 570,253.05

### SHIPMENTS

Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax
1915 (lake)	19,925,847	2,235,707	274,937
(rail)	89,617	53,312	7,419
1914 (lake)	4,571,794	778,975	35,513
(rail)	93,045	6,572	2,057

### CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending Dec. 3, 1915.—

Wheat	Oats	Barley
Pt. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	9,234,914	4,647,593
In vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	7,318,590	5,451,615
Total	16,924,089	10,187,408
At Buffalo and Duluth	5,064,851	436,622
Total this week	21,988,940	10,624,030
Total last week	27,173,063	6,765,319
Total last year	13,542,542	5,120,571

## The Livestock Markets

Toronto, Dec. 2.—The light offering of cattle met a strong, snappy market, the stuff being well cleaned up by 11 o'clock. Butchers were firm, selling from \$6.50 to \$7.50. Some extra good steers sold above \$8.00. A choice heifer, averaging 950 lbs., topped the market for that class of beef at \$7.50. Good bulls and cows changed hands up to \$7.10. Canners and cutters were in strong demand at increased values. The stocker and feeder market is about over, tho a few animals in the former class were handled yesterday. Milkers were scarce and firm. Calfves showed little change, \$5.00 to \$10.00 being the commonest quotation. Lambs were steady, choice stuff selling as high as \$9.75. Packers quoted hogs at the one price of \$9.50 fed and watered. Actual transactions, however, showed them to be worth \$9.90 off cars, which is equivalent to \$9.65 fed and watered.

Calgary, Dec. 4.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company Ltd. reports last week's Alberta stockyards receipts, 209 hogs, 2,278 cattle, 1,791 hogs, 428 sheep. This week's receipts, 337 hogs, 2,701 cattle, 3,467 hogs, 710 sheep.

Outward Shipments—Nine cars of cattle to

### WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, Dec. 6, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	\$1.08 1/2	\$1.11 1/2
2 Nor. wheat	1.05 1/2	1.08
3 Nor. wheat	1.01 1/2	1.04 1/2
3 white oats	.40 1/2	.39 1/2
Barley	.54-68	.59-65
Flax, No. 1	1.82 1/2	2.05 1/2

Futures—  
Dec. wheat 1.07 1/2 1.08 1/2  
May wheat 1.10 1/2 1.12 1/2

Moose Jaw, thirty cars of cattle to Seattle, two of cattle to Winnipeg, and 3 of cattle to Kamloops; twenty-five cars of hogs to Toronto, two of hogs to Moose Jaw, two of hogs to Victoria, and two of hogs and one mixed car of hogs and sheep to New Westminster.

Cattle and Hogs—Fat cattle brought slightly better prices this week, only the general quality of the beef offering was better. Fair to good steers did not seem to benefit by the advance and sold at from \$5.50 to \$5.75, with top steers bringing an average limit of \$6.15. The fair to good coming three-year-old killers are being picked up in some quantity at beef prices. The demand continues for good stock steers and heifers, particularly for the latter, and for calves, at slight advances from last week's quotations. Hogs are out of bounds and it seems they must go lower. Today's market opened firm, but was very unsteady at its close with buyers uneasy about paying the opening prices. Almost twice as many hogs came forward this week as last. Stock hogs sold at \$8.40, the best price paid for stock hogs on this market for many a day.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Receipts at the Union stockyards during the past week have been as follows: Cattle, 3,776; calves, 253; hogs, 4,730; and sheep, 1,411.

Cattle—There has been a decidedly improved demand for most classes of stock during the past week. Actually less have been coming and the general quality has been somewhat higher. Choice stuff always finds a ready market and from 15 to 25 cents advance was in evidence on nearly all offerings. Steers ran up from \$6.25 to \$6.50 and there were no real prime killers sold. The best butcher heifers available sold from \$5.50 to \$5.75, but choice stuff could easily have obtained 6 cents. Choice butcher stuff for the Christmas trade will get a good premium if shipped in now.

Hogs have been coming in fair numbers, but scarcely any drop in price has yet been registered. Bulk sales are \$8.75, but it is expected that any large quantity coming forward will depress the price considerably. The cut on lights is a little heavier than formerly. Pigs are selling at \$7.00 to \$7.50, feeders \$6.00 to \$6.50, sows \$6.50 to \$7.00 and stags \$4.50 to \$5.00.

## Country Produce

SASKATOON PRODUCE—Every stall on the city market is now rented and the business is brisk. Dressed hogs, lights, are worth 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 cents per pound; beef, hindquarters, 10 to 12 cents; forequarters, 6 to 8 cents; veal 10 to 11 cents; mutton 14 to 16 cents; and rabbits 15 cents per pair.

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: All prices quoted are f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—There is no change in the market as far as butter is concerned this week. There is very little coming in for sale and dealers are offering the same prices as last week. Fancy dairy butter is 24 to 26 cents per pound, No. 1 dairy is 24 to 25 cents per pound and good round lots 21 to 23 cents per pound.

Eggs—There are scarcely any shipments of eggs being received. Any really new laid eggs are eagerly snapped up at 40 cents per dozen. Odd lots or store eggs are subjected to severe candling and bought at 25 cents per dozen. It does not pay to trade eggs at the country stores.

Potatoes—There is no change in the potato situation now. Dealers are offering the same price as last week, namely, 50 cents per bushel.

Milk and Cream—Sweet cream is still 40 cents per pound of butterfat delivered, but sour cream has advanced two cents owing to increasing shortage. Sour cream is worth 35 cents per pound of butterfat delivered. Milk is unchanged at \$2.50 per hundred pounds.

### CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

J. L. Critien, Syden, Sask. \$1.10

RED CROSS FUND

Previously acknowledged \$724.00

Mrs. K. Wardenville, Sask. 7.00

Miss B. Wardenville, Sask. 5.00

Mair Homemakers Club, Mair, Sask. 50.00

Proceeds of Dance, Pelican Lake U.F.A. Hall 13.00

**\$799.00**

### Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from November 30 to December 6 inclusive

Date	WHEAT						Feed	OATS						BARLEY				FLAX			
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6		2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1	Fd 1	Fd 2	Fd 3	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
Nov. 30	103 1/2	101 1/2	97	90 1/2	85 1/2	80 1/2	75 1/2	40	37	37	36	35	65	60	52	52	182 1/2	179 1/2	..	..	..
Dec. 1	102 1/2	99 1/2	94 1/2	..	..	..	..	40 1/2	38	38	36	35	66 1/2	61 1/2	53	53	182 1/2	179 1/2	..	..	..
2	105 1/2	102 1/2	98 1/2	96 1/2	..	..	..	41 1/2	39	39	38	37	66 1/2	61 1/2	53	53	..	..	..	..	..
3	105 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	96 1/2	..	..	..	41 1/2	39	39	37 1/2	37 1/2	67 1/2	..	..	..	181 1/2	178 1/2	..	..	..
4	108 1/2	105 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	..	..	..	42	40 1/2	40 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	68 1/2	63 1/2	54	54	182 1/2	179 1/2	..	..	..
6	112 1/2	109 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	..	..	..	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	68 1/2	63 1/2	55	55	183 1/2	180 1/2	..	..	..
Week ago	..	..	NO	MARKET	..	..	..	41	38	38	37	36	66 1/2	61 1/2	54	54	184	181	..	..	..
Year ago	117 1/2	114 1/2	109 1/2	105 1/2	100 1/2	95 1/2	90 1/2	52 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49	..	63	58	55	55	124 1/2	121 1/2	..	..	..

### THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

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