

GRAIN MARKETS

Wheat—Oats—Barley—Flax

THE figures given below, showing the receipts and shipments of grain at the terminal elevators, have been prepared by the chief statistician of the Board of Grain Commissioners. Much of the grain shipped to United States ports is, of course, in bond.

Total receipts and shipments of each kind of grain at the elevators, Port William and Port Arthur from September 1st, 1915, to close of navigation, December 13th, 1915:—

Receipts—Bus.	Shipments—Bus.
Wheat... 148,359,775-40	142,599,936-00
Oats... 24,653,608-02	22,625,727-13
Barley... 4,742,895-47	4,090,674-24
Flax... 1,117,321-51	1,633,099-31
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Grain... 10,899,350 lbs.	2,844,430 lbs.

Summary of total shipments by vessels from Port William and Port Arthur during the period from September 1st to close of navigation, December 13, 1915:—

To Canadian Ports—Bushels	To United States Ports—Bushels
Wheat... 42,619,417-10	98,535,093-50
Oats... 16,675,736-06	3,646,844-28
Barley... 2,095,525-41	1,834,273-34
Flax... 324,394-23	1,291,547-43
Smpl. Mixed Grain... 4,166,446 lbs.	

Saskatchewan Wheat

Concluded From Page Even to the new and varied environment. And thus the early history of wheat in Canada concludes. To this we would add that during the later days of the early settlement many wheats from Australia, Japan, and the Northern States found their way to the Canadian borders. Some of these have become embodied into our Saskatchewan wheats, although for the most part none of them have vitally affected us.

The reader will probably gather from this brief historical review of the introduction and distribution of wheats in Western Canada, that the great number of varieties and types of wheat often met with in this province is but a natural outcome; that with the introduction of such an infinite number of wheats from all parts of the globe and then artificially cross-pollinating and recross-pollinating them in countless ways with a view of obtaining the desired earliness, not peculiar to Red Fife, and at the same time combining quality and productiveness, many new hybrid wheats were produced. The truth is that between the years 1888 and 1900, upwards of 75 new hybrids were created and distributed through the medium of the Experimental Farm system. Many of these, of course, were worthless,

and were not widely grown, but it serves to show the extent of the crossing work which was accomplished during this time.

The result is that when these old and new wheats were made use of throughout the province, an inevitable gradual process of mixing took place. Furthermore, with the creation of so many new hybrids, unless the greatest care was exercised in eliminating all variants, an infinite variety of new forms would occur and recur. Again, when it is remembered that cross-pollinating is the most fruitful means of causing variation, the wide range of variability existing will not seem unusual. Even in old, well-established varieties, that have never been influenced by cross-pollination, variability is the most obvious fact that presents itself to the careful observer. In fact, so much variation exists among plants that no two can be said to be exactly alike. Each seems to possess a distinct and definite individuality.

The cause therefore of so much mixture and variation in Saskatchewan wheats seems obvious, the results must be too well known; what is the cure? "How shall this condition be remedied?" is the problem. To this task the Department of Field Husbandry has set itself.

CITY MARKET

Prices quoted by the Market Master, as prevailing at the Saskatoon Public Market:

Chicken, per lb.	16c
Fowl, per lb.	14c
Duck, per lb.	14c
Turkey, per lb.	22c
Geese, per lb.	15c
Eggs, per dozen	30c
Butter, per lb.	30c
Pork, per lb.	11c
Beef, per lb.	12c-8c
Veal, per lb.	10c
Mutton, per lb.	15c
Potatoes, per bushel	55c
Turnips, per bushel	30c

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Another Advice by McBean Bros., Which Should Be Read by Every Farmer and Merchant in the Three Western Provinces

In our last letter we predicted \$1.25 for No. 1 Northern wheat and from 10c to 20c per bushel advance in oats. This has not yet materialized although wheat has shown a good advance, viz., 116c for No. 1 Northern spot. It is yet too early for our big advance. Our further reports from the winter wheat States are proving our statement, given as far back as September, which claimed fully 250,000,000 bushels of wheat being destroyed by rains, and when this is fully realized by the trade as it will be in the near future, and this coupled with the great devastation going on in the countries at war, it will simply be a question of not what the price of wheat will be, but where will the supply of grain come from if this war continues another year. The corn belt in the States also suffered great damage through excessive rains and this will be one of the strong factors in advancing our oat prices towards spring. If you cannot get cars when you want them, wait for them. The longer you wait the higher the price. If you need money borrow it, but don't sacrifice your grain to meet present needs. There will be lots of cars to get the balance of the crop carried forward and all you need is a little patience, and when you show your creditors that your grain is going to be handled in an intelligent and profitable manner they will be only too ready to assist you.

All wet, tough, damp and also grain mixed with snow and ice can be treated at Fort William and Port Arthur to bring you big prices, and badly frosted grain can be sold at high prices. Don't sell your grain at track prices, but wait until you get your returns from Fort William or Port Arthur. This means big money to the farmer this year. Remember, the war is still going on, and also bear in mind that we only want a share of your business.

Write us for further particulars. If your car is loaded and you cannot wait for shipping instructions bill to Fort William if on C. P. R. or G. T. P., or to Port Arthur if on C. N. R. Notify McBean Bros., Winnipeg, Man., so we can look after the grading, etc.

Grain Exchange
Winnipeg, Man., December 14, 1915.

McBEAN BROS.

Winnipeg, Man.

December 23rd, 1915
Herewith we give you the fluctuations for the day:

Winnipeg Cash Prices	Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
No. 1 Nor.	1.14 1-2	Dec.	1.14 1-4	1.15 3-4	1.15 1-4
No. 2 Nor.	1.11 1-2	May.	1.17 3-4	1.19 1-2	1.16 5-8
No. 3 Nor.	1.06 1-2	July.			1.20
No. 4 Nor.	1.04				
No. 5 Nor.	nil				
No. 6 Nor.	nil				
Feed Oats.	nil	Dec.	.41 3-8	.42	.41 3-8
2 C.W. Oats.	nil	May.	.43 1-4	.44 3-4	.43 1-4
3 C.W. Oats.	nil				.44 5-8
3 Barley.	.64				
4 Barley.	nil				
1 N.W. Flax.	1.86	Dec.	1.85	1.86 7-8	1.85
2 N.W. Flax.	1.83	May.	1.94	1.96	1.93

Chicago Wheat			Corn		Oats	
	Open	Close	Open	Close	Open	Close
Dec.....	1.21 1-2	1.24 5-8	.71 1-8	.71 1-8	.42	.42 1-2
May.....	1.24-1.23	1.25 3-8	.75	.75	.45 3-8	.45 7-8
July.....	1.14-1.13	3-4 1.16 1-8				

Minneapolis Wheat	Open	Close	Chicago Mess Pork	Open	Close
Dec.	1.19 3-4	1.20 1-4	Dec.		16.05
May.	1.17 3-4	1.18 1-4	Jan.		18.35
July.	1.17 1-8	1.19 3-8	May.		18.50

Liverpool spot unchanged to 1 lower, Canadians and Winters 1 1-2 to 3 lower, Plates 3 to 4 1-2 up. Inspections wheat 987, Oats 176 and flax 20. Today's Winnipeg market opened 1-4 to 7-8 higher, Chicago 3-8 lower to 1 higher and Minneapolis unchanged to 1-2 higher than yesterday. All the markets soon became strong, prices advancing about 2c from the opening figures. The close was strong, Winnipeg closing 1 to 2 1-8 higher, Chicago 2 3-8 to 3 higher and Minneapolis 2 1-4 to 2 1-2 higher than yesterday. Winnipeg oats closed 1 to 1 1-4 higher and flax 3-4 to 1 3-8 lower. Oats in Chicago closed 3-8 higher and corn 3-4 to 7-8 higher than yesterday. Market strong. Only fair demand for cash wheat. No special news.

Yours truly,
McCALLUM & VANNATTER.

CLOSING PRICES

Winnipeg Cash	Fri-17th	Sat-18th	Mon-20th	Tue-21st	Wed-22nd	Thu-23rd
No. 1 Nor.	1.09 1-4	1.10 1-2	1.12	1.16 1-4	1.12 3-4	1.14 1-2
No. 2 Nor.	1.06 1-2	1.07 1-2	1.09 1-2	1.13 3-4	1.10 1-2	1.11 1-2
No. 3 Nor.	1.03 1-4	1.04 1-2	1.05 1-2	1.08 3-4	1.06 3-4	1.06 1-2
No. 4 Nor.	.99 1-2	nil	nil	1.04 3-4	1.01 3-4	1.04
No. 5 Nor.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
No. 6 Nor.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Feed Oats.	.35 3-4	.36 1-8	.37	.36 3-4	.37 1-4	nil
2 C.W. Oats.	.38 3-4	.39 1-8	.40	.39 3-4	.39 1-2	nil
3 C.W. Oats.	.35 3-4	.36 1-8	.37	.36 3-4	.37 1-4	nil
3 Barley.	nil	nil	.65	nil	nil	.64
4 Barley.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
1 N.W. Flax.	1.82	1.84 1-2	1.87	1.87 3-4	1.88	1.86
2 N.W. Flax.	1.79	1.81 1-2	1.84	1.84 3-4	1.85	1.83

Winnipeg Options—Wheat	Dec.	May.	July.
Dec.	1.09 1-2	1.10 1-2	1.14 1-8
May.	1.12 3-8	1.13 7-8	1.16 5-8
July.			1.19 3-4

Oats	Dec.	May.	July.
Dec.	.38 3-4	.39 1-8	.40 1-4
May.	.42 1-8	.42 1-4	.43
July.			.43 1-4

Flax	Dec.	May.	July.
Dec.	1.82 1-8	1.84 1-2	1.87
May.	1.89 1-4	1.91 1-2	1.95
July.			1.96 3-8

Chicago Wheat	Dec.	May.	July.
Dec.	1.16 1-2	1.17 3-4	1.21
May.	1.17 7-8	1.19 1-4	1.22 1-2
July.	1.10 5-8	1.11 7-8	1.13 3-4

Minneapolis Wheat	Dec.	May.	July.
Dec.	1.12 3-8	1.13 5-8	1.17 1-8
May.	1.13 5-8	1.15 1-4	1.18 3-8
July.	1.13 5-8	1.15 1-8	1.18 1-4

Chicago Mess Pork	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Dec.	16.75	16.75	18.72
Jan.	18.45	18.60	18.42
May.	18.50	18.62	18.77

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