The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, August 13, 1917)

There has been a very keen demand from mills, private elevators and the government agency for cash wheat. Receipts have dwindled steadily until the daily number of cars of wheat passing inspection is very little over the hundred mark, and terminal stocks are also getting low. As a result of this keen demand, one Northern has held firm at the maximum price of $2.40 and lower grades have advanced considerably. Two Northern is trading at $2.40 and three Northern just three cents lower. The new crop has ripened quickly and cutting has got well under way in many districts. The sample from the early matured fields will be of high quality and the yield will doubtless vary widely in different localities according to moisture conditions which have prevailed.

An announcement from Ottawa at the end of last week advised that sample markets would be established on September 1 at Winnipeg and Fort William.

The oats market has been rather weak for some days. Dealers have stated that our prices were too high to compete with Americans for export, and domestic demand didn't warrant the price level either. Prices have therefore declined. American crop estimates for corn and oats are quite bearish.

There is very little doing in barley or flax, mainly on account of light offerings. Any orders in flax futures cause a considerable fluctuation in price before they are filled.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat—			
August 7	226	....	....
August 8	223½	....	....
August 9	218	....	....
August 10	214	....	....
August 11	215	....	....
August 13	209	....	....
Week ago	225	....	....
Year ago	142½	138½	143½
Oats—			
August 7	68½	64½	....
August 8	69½	....	....
August 9	68½	64½	....
August 10	66½	62½	....
August 11	66½	62½	....
August 13	65½	62½	....
Week ago	69½	65	....
Year ago	48½	46	....
Flax—			
August 7	338½	332½	....
August 8	335½	331	....
August 9	329½	324½	....
August 10	336	329	....
August 11	335½	329	....
August 13	339½	333	....
Week ago	337	330	....
Year ago	197	197½	193½

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, August 11)

WHEAT—

No. 1 Northern Spring—1, smut, $2.85; part, $3.05; 1, $3.05.

No. 2 Dark Northern Spring—2, $3.05.

No. 2 Northern Spring—1, $3.05; 1, $3.00; 1, smut, $2.80.

No. 4 Northern Spring—Part, $2.90; part, $2.80.

No. 5 Northern Spring—1, $2.82; 1, $2.95; part, $2.90.

Sample Grade Dark Northern Spring—Part, $3.00.

Sample Grade Northern Spring—1, $2.90; part, $2.50; 1, $2.70; 1, $2.12; 1, $2.50; 1, $2.25; 1, $2.65; part, $2.30; 1, $2.90; part, $2.20.

Sample Grade Red Spring—1, $2.10.

Durum—1 sample grade mixed, $2.00; 2 sample grade, $2.20; 1 No. 2 mixed, $2.00; part No. 2, $2.25.

Winter—Part No. 4 yellow hard, $2.70; 1 No. 2 red, $2.60; 1 No. 4 hard, $2.95; 1 No. 5 hard, $2.95.

Oats—1 sample white, 69c; 1 No. 3 white, 68c; part No. 3 white, 68½c; 1 No. 3 white, 68½c; 1 No. 3 white, 68c.

Rye—2 No. 1, $1.96; part No. 1, $1.90; 2 No. 2, $1.86; 1 No. 1, $1.95; 1,000 bu. No. 2, $1.87; 1,000 bu. No. 2, $1.85; 1,000 bu. No. 2, $1.85½; part No. 3, $1.90; 1 No. 2, $1.98.

Barley—Part no grade, $1.25; part No. 5, $1.32; 1 sample, $1.44; 1, $1.42; 1, $1.35; part $1.30.

Flax—850 bu. sample, $3.00; 1 No. 1, $3.47; part No. 1, $3.46; 2 parts No. 1, $3.47.

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, August 8, was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Calgary	Wheat	1,020.00	13,852.00	16,295.00
"	Oats	1,839.00	8,159.00	3,371.00
"	Barley		1.00	1,305.00
"	Flax		31.00	516.00

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, August 10, 1917—

	This Year		Last Year	
1 hard	4,754	10	43,376	50
1 Nor.	254,869	20	5,060,067	00
2 Nor.	620,847	20	1,688,054	30
3 Nor.	518,705	40	1,465,943	20
No. 4	458,838	50	688,800	50
Others	1,840,054	10	2,278,704	20
This week	3,698,069	30	This week 11,225,176	50
Last week	3,580,058	40	Last week 10,373,164	50
Decrease	1,881,989	10	Increase 852,012	00
Oats				
1 C.W.	15,617	02	113,567	11
2 C.W.	1,420,478	20	3,857,406	03
3 C.W.	370,365	02	1,452,804	20
Ex. 1 fd.	781,508	17	171,484	07
Others	1,409,799	16	1,397,157	11
This week	4,057,768	23	This week 6,992,419	23
Last week	3,741,503	11	Last week 6,105,705	15
Increase	316,265	12	Increase 886,714	08
Barley			**Flaxseed**	
3 C.W.	89,248	42	1 N.W.C.	358,095 26
4 C.W.	151,461	11	2 C.W.	191,127 10
Rej.	20,363	33	3 C.W.	56,433 49
Feed	26,341	30	Others	34,584 28
Others	46,025	22		
This week	333,440	42	This week 640,305	11
Last week	301,960	42	Last week 620,604	05
Increase	31,480	00	Increase 19,701	06

SHIPMENTS

	1917—Lake	1916—Lake
Wheat	2,292,802 40	3,891,981 00
Oats	418,711 17	715,943 27
Barley	56,038 20	231,852 19
Flax	37,911 12	
	1917—Rail	**1916—Rail**
Wheat	192,585 30	84,180 10
Oats	77,526 04	609,587 28
Barley		6,912 46
Flax	1,414 16	12,014 09

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending August 10, 1917.

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	3,698,069	4,057,763	333,440
East. Can. Ter.	4,114,510	7,474,144	234,615
Total	7,812,579	11,531,907	568,055
In American Ter.	1,398,000	1,657,000	385,000
Total this week	9,210,579	12,936,907	953,055
Total last week	10,411,402	14,827,231	987,870
Total last year	20,756,377	13,915,537	1,639,783

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Thursday, August 11, were—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$2.40	$2.95-$3.05
2 Nor. wheat	2.40	2.95- 3.00
No. 3 wheat	2.37	2.85- 3.00
3 white oats	.68	.67- .68
Barley	1.13-1.24	1.15- 1.43
Flax, No. 1	3.34½	3.40- 3.47
Futures—		
Oct. wheat	2.15½	Sept. 3.30; Oct. 3.30; Dec. 3.30

The Livestock Markets

CHICAGO

Chicago, August 9.—A very large supply of grass cattle are having this market constantly now. Grassers are dull, but finished grain stuff is the highest in the history of the market. The supply of cattle in Western markets was cut by 40,000 head in the first two days of last week. Quality and condition are the poorest of the season, most of the corn fed cattle having already been marketed. $9.50 to $9.25 taken 1000 to 1100 lb. grass cattle, and $9.25 to $11.00 most of the 1100 to 1200 lb. stuff off grass. A big bunch of cows from Dakota, weighing about 1000 lbs., were sold $7.35 to $8.35 last week. Most of the butcher cows off grass are going at $6.75 to $7.50. Veals have had a continuous slump, $12.00 to $12.75 taking most of the good ones. The "Eat-no-Veal" campaign has played havoc with the dressed veal trade. Stock and feed cattle are dull, owing to dry weather and harvest time business of the farmers.

Most of the good hogs sold early this week at $16.00 to $16.50. Since the low spot in July, values have advanced $1.00 to $1.25 per hundred, and it looks as though the present basis would hold. $17.00 in September is looked for.

Lambs have dropped $1.00 during the past week. $14.00 took a big percentage of the native lambs. The decline has been in sympathy with the demoralized Eastern dressed market "Eat-no-Lamb" agitation. It is interesting to note that Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, wired S. W. McClintic, secretary of the National Wool Growers' Association, a week ago as follows: "This department has issued no statement which would have the effect of boycotting lamb. Experts assert that the prevailing custom of marketing lambs at weights of 75 to 80 lbs. is sound, as it enables growers to dispose of them with minimum consumption of feed, furnishes the fresh meat in handy weight cuts and makes it possible to carry the maximum number of breeding animals." This wire might be taken as a lesson by some of the "Eat-no-Lamb" agitators.

THE WOOL MARKET

The Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association of Calgary sold on August 8 to P. V. Lewis, representing Rosbland & Co., wool dealers, 151,435 lbs. of wool, at an average price of 60 cents. The following gives the amount of different grades and the range of prices. The prices should be satisfactory to consigners.

Fine combing	15,630 lbs.	59	cents
Fine medium combing	49,940 "	64	"
Medium combing	41,516 "	62½	"
Low medium combing	9,596 "	59	"
Fine clothing	17,193 "	54	"
Medium clothing	7,922 "	59	"
Coarse	3,528 "	56	"
Rejects	2,211 "	42	"
Mohair	270 "	60	"
Karakule	435 "	50	"
Tags	2,434 "	20	"
Blacks	778 "	45	"
	151,453 lbs.		

Average price ..... 60 cents

The British government has commandeered the clip of wool in South Africa on the same basis as that of Australia was taken. Late last week the Washington government opened bids for 2,500,000 yards of military cloth, but offers fell short of the required amount. Boston wool traders have offered the United States government their wool stocks for military purposes. Considerable Western wool is going East direct to manufacturers, and clips still in growers' hands are strongly held.

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, August 8.—The Livestock Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. reports receipts at the Union stockyards for last week as follows: Cattle, 5,703; calves, 333; sheep and lambs, 312; hogs, 54,046.

Receipts for the past week were very liberal on the common kind with a small percentage of good to choice killing cattle coming forward. Prices have changed about 50 cents per cwt., with the top steers going at from $9.00 to $9.50 and a few extra choice up to $10.00. The medium butcher stuff is selling at $7.00 to $8.00, with stockers and feeders at $6.00 to $6.50. Good cows and heifers are in demand with prices as quoted below. With an expected heavy run of grass stuff coming forward we look for slightly lower markets before long. This class is also slightly lower and few calves are bringing over $10.00 with the heavy kind from $6.50 to $8.00.

Very little change with lambs going as high as $12.00. Sheep from $6.50 to $8.00.

The hog market has shown great strength, closing Friday at $15.75. Monday opened at $16.00, going to $16.25 Tuesday. Wednesday's price was $16.50. With the product demand from the East continuing we look for steady prices for the coming week. The close on Saturday was $16.00.

CALGARY

Calgary, August 11.—The Alberta Farmers' Cooperative Elevator Co. reports this week's Alberta stockyards receipts as: Horses, 461; cattle, 1,316; hogs, 1,008; sheep, 278. The corresponding week a year ago was: Horses, 515; cattle, 1,202; hogs, 1,677; sheep, 782.

The cattle receipts did not show a very liberal improvement and consequently prices were fairly well maintained at last week's level. The extra choice top steers are in good demand for shipment to Southern and Eastern markets and one load of this class sold around 9 cents. Good fat steers were active at $8.00 to $8.25, and the common butcher steers sold steadily at $7.00 to $7.50. Fat cows were quickly picked up at from $6.25 to $6.75 and the medium quality kind $5.00 to $6.25. Bulls selling at $5.25 to $5.75 for the best and selling down to 4 cents. Stocker steers sold slowly at $6.25 to $6.75 and we expect them to reach a lower level yet. There were very few yearlings offered and practically no demand, especially with the off colored kind. There is no demand whatever for thin dry cows and we would advise our shippers to keep them in the country.

Hogs were in demand all week and on Thursday reached the record price of hogs in Calgary, $16.50. On Friday in sympathy with Winnipeg prices dropped 25 cents and all hogs sold here at $16.25 with the benefit of C.P.R. billings assessed. Top price corresponding week a year ago, cattle $6.50, hogs $11.50.

Very few sheep were offered this week. Extra choice lambs and wethers are in good demand and would have brought from 11 to 12½ cents. Good fat ewes 10 to 11 cents with a prospect of slightly lower prices in the near future.

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Aug. 13	Winnipeg Year ago	Toronto Aug. 10	Calgary Aug. 11	Chicago Aug. 9	St. Paul Aug. 9
	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Cattle						
Choice steers	9.00-9.50	.....	11.25-12.50	8.00-8.25	13.50-14.15	.....
Best butcher steers	7.50-8.50	.....	10.00-11.25	7.25-7.75	10.50-13.50	9.00-10.50
Fair to good butcher steers	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.25	8.00-10.00	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.50	6.00-9.00
Good to choice fat cows	7.50-7.75	6.00-6.40	8.25-8.75	6.25-6.75	8.75-10.50	.....
Medium to good cows	6.00-7.50	5.25-5.75	7.50-8.25	5.75-6.25	7.25-8.75	8.00-9.00
Common cows	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	6.50-7.50	5.00-5.75	6.00-7.00	6.50-8.00
Canners	4.00-4.50	3.50-4.25	5.00-5.75	4.00-5.00	5.00-5.75	5.25-6.50
Good to choice heifers	8.50-8.75	6.50-7.00	8.50-10.00	6.75-7.00	8.50-12.50	8.00-10.00
Fair to good heifers	7.50-7.75	6.00-6.50	7.00-8.50	6.00-6.75	6.50-9.50	6.50-8.00
Best cows	6.75-7.25	6.00-6.40	.....	5.00-6.00	.....	.....
Best butcher bulls	6.00-7.00	5.25-5.75	8.00-9.50	5.00-5.75	8.25-10.00	6.50-7.00
Common to bologna bulls	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	6.50-8.00	4.50-5.00	6.25-7.35	6.00-6.50
Fair to good feeder steers	6.00-6.50	5.75-6.25	8.50-9.25	6.50-7.00	7.50-9.00	7.00-8.00
Fair to good stocker steers	5.50-6.50	5.00-6.25	7.00-8.25	6.50-7.00	6.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
Best milkers and springers (each)	$75-$100	$65-$80	$90-$120	$95-$100	.....	$75-$100
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$50-$65	$45-$55	$60-$80	$70-$75	.....	$50-$75
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	$16.00	$11.85	17.00-17.10	$16.25	15.40-16.50	15.40-16.00
Light hogs	12.00-12.50	11.50-11.85	.....	.....	15.25-15.75	12.50
Heavy sows	10.00-11.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	8.00-8.25
Stags	8.00-10.00	6.00-6.25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice sheep	10.00-12.00	8.00-9.00	10.00-16.00	12.50-13.00	10.00-14.35	10.75-14.00
Best killing sheep	7.50-10.00	6.75-7.50	8.50-11.00	9.50-10.00	8.75-11.50	7.50-10.00

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg Aug. 13	Winnipeg Year ago	Toronto July 19	Calgary Aug. 4	Regina July 14	Saskatoon
Butter (per lb.)						
No. 1 dairy	34c	21c-23c	28c-30c	31c-33c	26c-27c	.....
Eggs (per doz.)						
New laid	36c	19c-22c	35c-36c	33c	28c	.....
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel (new)	1.50	$1.25	$4.00	$1.50	90c-$1.00	.....
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. fat)	42c	32c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making (per lb. butter-fat)	35c	28c-30c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Live Poultry						
Fowl (Yearlings)	16c	13c-14c	14c-20c	14½c-16c	17c	.....
Old Roosters	12c	.....	.....	12½c-13c	.....	.....
Chickens	18c					
Ducks	17c					
Hay (per ton)						
No. 1 Lowland	$7	$11	No. 1's		14$	
No. 1 Timothy	$14-$15	$13-$14			$18	.....
No. 1 Midland	$10-$11	$10	$11-$15	$15	.....	.....
No. 1 Upland	$12	.....	.....	$10-$12	.....	.....

Country Produce

Note—Prices quoted are f.o.b. Winnipeg.

The prices on practically all produce are higher in Winnipeg this week. No. 1 dairy butter is up two cents to 34, while the scarcity of good new laid eggs has forced up the price of these five cents. They are now quoted at 36. New potatoes are $1.50 per bushel, but it seems likely they will see a considerable drop before another week. Cream, sweet is up two cents and sour one cent per lb. butter fat. The hay market is strong. Poultry is coming in more plentiful. Young chickens and ducks are now arriving on the market.

FRENCH RED CROSS

Previously acknowledged	$75.00
Ladies' Social Club, Roche Plains, Sask.	5.00
Total	$80.00

RED CROSS FUND

Previously acknowledged	$3,921.16
Proceeds of Collection at Alada Grain Growers' Association Picnic, Cut Knife, Sask.	22.50
Total	$3,943.66

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from August 7 to August 13 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	Tr 1	Tr 2	Tr 3	OATS 2CW	3CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY 3CW	4CW	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW
Aug. 7	240	238	233	224	202	171	166	233	231	224	73	72	72	68	66	120	117	111	335½	330½
8	240	238	234	225	203	177	167	233	231	225	75	74	74	70	68	122	119	112	332	327½
9	240	239½	236	227	205	180	170	235	233	226	71	70	70	67	66	125	122	113	327½	323½
10	240	240	237	228	207	182	170	235	233	228	70	69	69	66	64	125	121	113	334	328
11	240	240	237	229	210	185	172	235	232	229	69	68	68	65	63	124	120	112	334½	327½
13	240	240	238	230	212	187	172	235½	233½	229½	....	....	....	....	....	124	120	113	339½	333½
Week ago	240	237½	232½	222½	200½	174	164	232	230	223	76½	75½	74½	72	70	122	117	111	335	330½
Year ago	141½	143½	139		129½	114½	111				65½	65½	65½	65½	65½	80	76	68	194½	191