The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, January 15, 1916).

Wheat—Since Monday strength has been the feature of the wheat market, both futures and cash. There was a slight break on Monday, but since then the close each day has been as high or higher than the previous, and the gain on May wheat for the week is 3¼c, and on cash wheat from 4½c to 5c. There is also a gain in oats prices of 2¼c on futures and cash. The demand for cash wheat and oats has been keen with very light offerings. Buyers are taking grain "in store" regardless of the difficulties in regard to shipping, and are paying premiums for grain in a position where it can be forwarded to the seaboard.

Barley—Barley prices have advanced 2½c during the week, with a very moderate amount offering.

Flax—Flax has had wide fluctuations and shows an advance of 13½c since a week ago. The high point during the week was $2.28¾, a rather remarkable record for this market.

Car receipts have been small, on account of shipping restrictions and severe weather.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	May	July
Wheat—		
January 11	122¼	122¾
January 12	123	123¼
January 13	123¾	123½
January 14	123¾	123½
January 15	124¼	124¼
January 17	126	125¼
Week ago	120½	120¼
Year ago	142¼	143
Oats—		
January 11	46¾	....
January 12	47¼	....
January 13	48	....
January 14	48¼	....
January 15	48¼	....
January 17	49	....
Week ago	46¼	....
Year ago	60	60¼
Flax—		
January 11	215	....
January 12	220¼	....
January 13	225	....
January 14	223¾	....
January 15	224¼	....
January 17	226	....
Week ago	218	....
Year ago	169	....

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Jan. 15)

No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	$1 30½
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1 30½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1 27½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1 26½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 29½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 27
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 28
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 600 bu., to arrive	1 26½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,600 bu., to arrive	1 28
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1 28½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1 29
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 24½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 23½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 23½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 23½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 21½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 24½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 20½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 22
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 16½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 20
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 19½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1 10½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1 00
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 15½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 14½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 13
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	1 13½
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 700 bu., Mont.	1 23½
No. 4 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1 16
No grade wheat, 1 car, o.o.	1 10½
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car, arrive	1 20½
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	75½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	44½
Mill oats, 1 car	38½
No grade oats, 1 car, choice	44
Sample oats, 1 car	44½
No. 2 rye, 2 cars	96
Rye, 185 sacks, sample	90
No. 2 rye, 1 car, short rate	96
No grade rye, 1 car	92
No. 2 rye, 1 car	95
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	72
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	71½
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	70½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	72½
Sample barley, 4 cars	70
Sample barley, 5 cars	71
Sample barley, 3 cars	67
No. 1 flax, 700 bu., arrive	2 36
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2 36
No. 1 flax, part car	2 40

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, Jan. 14, 1916.—

1916 Wheat	This Year	Last Year
1 hard	82,605.40	11,186.10
1 Nor.	9,507,275.20	879,179.40
2 Nor.	4,174,960.30	1,606,268.30
3 Nor.	2,844,747.20	1,098,542.50
No. 4	1,459,826.40	602,751.20
Others	2,567,204.20	931,797.10
This week	20,636,619.50	5,179,725.40
Last week	19,305,284.20	4,980,121.20
Increase	1,331,335.30	199,604.20
Oats		
1 C.W.	116,527.14	10,068.18
2 C.W.	3,570,085.03	645,284.13
3 C.W.	1,702,934.25	383,395.07
Ex. 1 Fd.	537,043.17	229,913.00
Others	1,468,231.16	786,124.02
This week	7,394,822.07	2,054,785.06
Last week	7,092,418.28	2,154,189.21
Increase	302,403.13	Decrease 207,905.15
Barley		**Flaxseed**
3 C.W.	653,457.40	1 N.W.C. 707,112.55
4 C.W.	345,997.00	2 C.W. 74,592.19
Rej.	91,599.42	3 C.W. 31,225.28
Feed	67,588.06	Others 28,435.14
Others	154,246.44	
This week	1,312,889.36	This week 841,366.04
Last week	1,272,326.44	Last week 840,375.11
Increase	40,562.40	Increase 990.49
Last year's total	266,129.46	Last year's total 716,648.36

SHIPMENTS

1916	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax
Lake				
Rail	481,117.60	351,321.04	40,649.24	40,182.50
1915				
Lake				
Rail	266,024.00	198,240.00	31,882.00	4,568.00

INSPECTIONS

Cars inspected for the month ending Dec. 31, 1915 were:—

	This Year	Last Year
Wheat	32,956	5,784
Oats	7,158	1,299
Barley	1,447	278
Flax	484	385
Screenings	31	34
Total	42,104	7,812

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending Jan. 14, 1916.—

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. Wilham and Pt. Arthur Ter.	20,636,619	7,394,822	1,312,889
Depot Harbor	351,291	.....	.....
In Vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	1,585,235	2,815,394	.....
Total	28,488,493	13,208,561	1,596,058
At Buffalo and Duluth	14,169,014	517,298	106,851
Total this week	44,242,742	16,541,253	1,702,909
Total last week	44,713,130	16,294,493	1,676,413
Total last year	14,394,257	6,526,720	699,967

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending January 12 there was in store at the interior terminal elevator at Moose Jaw: Wheat, 187,232.20 bushels; oats, 54,337.22 bushels; barley, 8,246.02 bushels; and flax, 4,462.13 bushels. Wheat received during the week was 133,813.00 bushels and wheat shipped during the week was 30,550.20 bushels. In the elevator at Saskatoon there was: Wheat, 1,249,057.30 bushels; oats, 86,802.12 bushels; barley, 5,935.33 bushels; and flax, 23,709.52 bushels. Receipts of wheat during this period were 169,801.50 bushels and shipments were 48,505.10 bushels.

The Livestock Markets

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Hogs weakened today owing to the fact that speculators had been unable to dispose of purchases made yesterday. Cattle quotations were almost nominal. There was no urgent call for sheep or lambs.

South St. Paul, Jan. 15.—Hog trade again this week furnished the pyrotechnics in the livestock market, and sensations were frequent from the startoff on Monday. On that day the market broke 25 cents under the strain of a run of practically 44,000, by far the largest total ever arriving here for a single session of the market. These enormous receipts were the result of the sharp advance during the preceding fortnight. The price reverse was not a severe one for shippers who had bought in the country on a safe margin the previous week. In fact, it was rather surprising that the decline was not greater in view of the great receipts buyers were called upon to absorb. But buyers not only completely cleaned up the initial deluge, but came back for more in hungry fashion on succeeding days, with prices again on the upward course. Sellers were given good support by the weather, as blizzardy conditions at the middle of the week shut off the run, and a spectacular rise to the highest price position since the opening of last November resulted.

A $7 top was reached on Thursday upon a straight 30 cent advance and that level was maintained.

Cattle supplies have been seasonable and prices steady to stronger. Sheep and lambs are scarce and prices ruled a quarter higher during the week.

Calgary, Jan. 14.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. Ltd. reports as follows: This week's Alberta stockyards receipts were 230 horses, 600 cattle, 2,427 hogs. Receipts a year ago were 59 horses, 583 cattle, 5,000 hogs, 1,027 sheep.

Outward Shipments—10 cars of cattle to New Westminster, 1 of cattle to Vancouver, 1 of cattle to Vernon, 1 of cattle to Edmonton, 5 of cattle to Winnipeg. Hogs—9 cars of hogs to Moose Jaw, 5 of hogs to New Westminster.

Cattle—Top export cattle sold for $6.85 yesterday, the highest price yet for the season; choice butcher cattle selling at $6.50 to $6.70; choice cows at $5.50 to $5.85; stock heifers and light stock cows at better than 6 cents with keen enquiry for them.

Early in the week hogs sold for $8.75 and prices advanced on Wednesday and Thursday to $8.90, Swift and Co. buying. Owing to heavy supplies Friday we had to sell all our hogs for $8.85, which was the top of the market.

Sheep—Top yearling wethers and lambs, $8.00 to $8.50; ewes, $7.00.

No. 1 salted hides are worth 10 cents at shipping point. Fresh hides 9 cents.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—One thousand cattle came to the local stockyards today and the mid-week market was strong. Packers had good needs, and as real finished butchers' were scarce, prices, which have been firmer in tendency all week showed a gain of 15 cents per hundredweight. Choice lots of mixed steers and heifers sold as high as $7.75 and $7.85, and commission men stated that choice finished butchers' were worth $8.00, good bought $7.15 to $7.65, medium $6.65 to $7.15, and common to fair $6.00 to $6.65. Demand was strong for bulls and cows for butchering and canning, better classes going at $6.00 to $7.25 and medium at $5.50 to $6.00, with cutters at $4.00 to $4.75 and canners at $3.25 to $3.75. The stocker trade was quiet again, with good to choice selling at $6.00 to $6.75. Calves were firm at $9.00 to $10.50 for good veals. Small meats held steady at $10.25 to $11.75 for lambs, $7.00 to $8.25 for sheep, and $6.00 to $7.00 for heavy and bucks.

Swine held at $9.50, fed and watered, one packer paying this for 700 head.

Winnipeg, Jan. 17.—Receipts at the Union stockyards during the past week have been as follows: Cattle, 442; calves, 25; hogs, 8,312; and sheep, 57.

The stormy weather and low temperatures of the past week have considerably checked shipments and the receipts at the local yards have been very small indeed. Prices have firmed somewhat in consequence and best steers are selling around 7 cents with best fat heifers from $6.25 to $6.50. All round the market is a strong quarter higher except on stockers and feeders and canner cows. There is scarcely any outlet for stockers and feeders, the best of this stuff selling from $5.00 to $5.50.

Hogs have been scarce too, and what hogs were on sale brought from $9.00 to $9.25. Packers are only bidding $9.00 now and sellers should figure on this price for this week.

Sheep and lambs are scarcely quotable so few being offered, but the best lambs will bring $8.25 to $8.50 and the best sheep around $6.00 to $6.50.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, Jan. 15, were:—

	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1 20½	$1 29½
2 Nor. wheat	1 17½	1 26½
3 Nor. wheat	1 14½	1 22½
3 white oats	41½	45½
Barley	52-64	67-75
Flax, No. 1	2 16½	2 41
Futures—		
May wheat	1 24½	1 26½
July wheat	1 24½	1 25½

Country Produce

Calgary, Jan. 14.—The Produce Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. Ltd., Stall 24, Calgary Public Market, reports that dairy butter still continues short of demand. New laid eggs are unchanged, the cold spell having shortened the supply and will keep the price firm. Potatoes are unchanged with a slow sale. Milk and cream are the same. There is a good demand for live poultry, but dressed poultry has a slow sale. Dressed hogs are firm, lights 12 to 12½ cents per pound and heavier weights 10 to 11 cents per pound, prices are firmer with a tendency to an increase.

Winnipeg, Jan. 17.—Note: Prices quoted are all f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—There is no change in the market for butter this week. Very little is being received. Prices are: Fancy dairy, 24 to 26 cents per pound; No. 1 dairy, 21 to 25 cents per pound; and good round lots, 21 to 23 cents per pound.

Eggs are more plentiful now and as anticipated last week, dealers are offering a lower price today. New laid eggs are worth to dealers from 35 to 40 cents per dozen. Country shipments are only worth 25 cents per dozen after strict candling.

Potatoes are scarcer and the price has advanced to 60 cents per bushel.

Milk and cream prices remain the same this week. Sweet cream is worth 40 cents per pound of butterfat delivered, sour cream is worth 37 cents per pound of butterfat delivered and milk is still $2.50 per hundred pounds.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from January 11 to 17 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
Jan. 11	117½	115	111½	107¾	100½	90½	80½	42½	39½	39½	38¾	37¾	61½	56½	49	49	207	201	..	..
12	119½	116½	113½	109½	101½	91½	81½	43½	40½	40½	39¾	38¾	62	57	50	50	212½	206½	..	..
13	119½	116½	113½	109½	101½	91½	81½	44	41	41	40	39	63	58	51	51	217	214	..	..
14	119½	116½	113½	109½	102½	92½	82½	43½	40½	40½	40	39	63	58	51	51	216½	213½	..	..
15	120½	117½	114½	110½	102½	92½	82½	44½	41½	41½	40½	39½	64	59	52	52	216½	213½	..	..
17	121½	119½	116½	112	105	95	85	45½	42½	42½	41½	40½	64½	59	52	52	218½	215½	..	..
Week ago	115½	112½	109½	105½	97½	87½	77½	41½	38½	38½	37½	36½	61½	56½	48½	48½	210½	207½	..	..
Year ago	138½	136½	133½	130	126	122	118	57½	54½	54½	54½	53½	73	68	64	64	162½	159½	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Jan. 17	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto Jan. 13	Calgary Jan. 15	Chicago Jan. 15	St. Paul Jan. 15
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers	.....	6 75-7 00	7 65-8 00	6 70-6 85	8 35-9 80	7 00-8 75
Best butcher steers and heifers	6 75-7 00	6 00-6 50	7 15-7 65	6 60	6 60-6 30	6 75-7 75
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	6 50-6 75	5 25-5 50	6 65-7 15	.....	6 60-6 30	5 75-7 25
Best fat cows	5 75-6 00	5 00-5 50	6 25-7 00	5 50-5 75	5 30-8 50	4 25-6 75
Medium cows	5 25-5 50	4 50-5 00	5 25-5 75	.....	5 30-8 50	4 25-6 75
Common cows	5 00-5 00	3 50-4 75	4 50-5 50	4 25-5 40	5 30-8 50	4 25-6 25
Choice heifers	6 25-6 50	5 75-6 25	7 25-7 75	5 50-6 00	.....	6 25-6 75
Best bulls	5 50-5 75	5 00-5 25	6 25-7 00	4 00-4 50	.....	5 50-5 60
Common and medium bulls	4 50-5 00	4 25-4 50	5 50-6 00	.....	.....	5 50-5 60
Best feeding steers	5 25-5 50	5 25-5 75	6 00-6 75	5 50-6 00	.....	6 25-7 00
Best stocker steers	5 00-5 25	5 25-5 50	6 00-6 50	.....	.....	6 00-6 50
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$60-$70	$70-$100	$75-$85	.....	.....
Common milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$45-$50	.....	$55-$70	.....	.....
Hogs						
Choice hogs	$9 00	$7 00	$9 50	$8 85	$8 70-$7 30	$8 75
Heavy sows	$6 25-$7 00	$6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stags	$4 50	$4 00-$4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	$8 50	$7 00-$7 50	$10-$11 75	$8 00-$8 25	$8 60-10 90	$8 00-$9 75
Best killing sheep	$6 00-$6 50	$5 50-$6 00	$7 00-$8 25	$7 00	$5 00-$7 00	$5 00-$6 75

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg Jan. 17	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary Jan. 14	Saskatoon Jan. 14	Regina Jan.	Brandon Jan. 14
Butter (per lb.)						
Fancy dairy	24c-26c	24c	35c	.....	35c	30c
No. 1 dairy	24c-25c	21c	27½c-30c	30c	30c	28c
Good round lots	21c-23c	18c	25c	27c	25c-28c	25c
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling	25c	26c	.....	30c-32½c	35c	30c
New Laid	35c-40c	35c-45c	47½c-50c	50c	50c-60c	40c
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	60c	55c-60c	60c	65c	75c	50c
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	40c	35c	35c-37c	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)	37c	30c	30c-34c	.....	.....	32c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2 50	$2 25	3½c per lb. of butter-fat	.....	.....	.....
Dressed Poultry						
Chickens	17c	12½c	20c-22c	18c	23c	16c
Fowl	13c-14c	9c-10c	16c-18c	12c-16c	16c-18c	12c
Ducks	15c	12½c	16c-18c	12c-16c	18c-20c	14c
Geese	13c	12½c	.....	18c	18c-20c	15c
Turkeys	19c	18c-16c	23c-25c	20c-25c	22c-23c	16c
Hay (per ton)						
No. 1 Red Top	$14	$14	.....	.....	$15	.....
No. 1 Upland	$12	$12	$9	$9	$12	$12 00
No. 1 Timothy	$16	$15	$14	$12	.....	.....
No. 1 Mixed	$11	$10-$11	.....	.....	$10	.....