

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. Limited, Winnipeg, May 15, 1916.

Wheat.—There was a gain in prices for the week of 1/2c for May, 1/4c for July and 1/4c for October. Markets were generally strong and active, with the principal strength developing on Wednesday on a good cash demand, as well as buying of futures and delivery reports from south. These features maintained the strength in the latter part of the week when support from Liverpool markets was lacking. The movement of grain from the country is heavy, and will no doubt continue.

Oats.—Prices were stronger and showed a steady upward tendency through the week. There were no wide fluctuations, and just a steady strong market with a demand for cash oats to take care of all offerings.

Barley.—Barley was stronger and steady with prices two cents higher on Saturday than they were the previous week end.

Flax.—Markets were generally quiet and prices fairly steady, showing a loss for the week of 1/2c on Winnipeg futures.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

| Wheat | May | July | Oct |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| May 9 | 118 1/2 | 118 1/2 | 115 1/2 |
| May 10 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 116 1/2 |
| May 11 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 116 1/2 |
| May 12 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 116 1/2 |
| May 13 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 116 1/2 |
| May 14 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 116 1/2 |
| May 15 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 116 1/2 |
| Week ago | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 115 1/2 |
| Year ago | 106 1/2 | 109 | 123 1/2 |
| May 7 | 46 1/2 | 47 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| May 8 | 46 1/2 | 47 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| May 9 | 46 1/2 | 47 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| May 10 | 46 1/2 | 47 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| May 11 | 46 1/2 | 47 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| May 12 | 47 1/2 | 48 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| May 13 | 47 1/2 | 48 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| May 14 | 47 1/2 | 48 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| May 15 | 47 1/2 | 48 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| Week ago | 45 1/2 | 46 1/2 | 41 1/2 |
| Year ago | 40 1/2 | 43 1/2 | 40 1/2 |

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, May 15, 1916

1915 Wheat

| | This Year | Last Year |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1 Hard | 71,954 30 | 12,377 40 |
| 1 Nor | 4,791 450 10 | 935,666 30 |
| 2 Nor | 1,312 348 30 | 1,263,837 00 |
| 3 Nor | 1,627 171 30 | 562,756 30 |
| No. 4 | 1,529 827 50 | 458,581 10 |
| Others | 2,744,701 00 | 857,721 20 |
| This week | 12,067 563 20 | This week 4,060,890 10 |
| Last week | 14,456 478 20 | Last week 5,662,160 40 |
| Decrease | 2,388,315 00 | Decrease 1,601,260 30 |

Oats

| | This Year | Last Year |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1 C W | 60,268 21 | 248 18 |
| 2 C W | 1,768,168 35 | 870,217 12 |
| 3 C W | 46,882 208 10 | 432,118 18 |
| Ex 1 F O | 228,783 10 | 326,221 02 |
| Others | 624,923 01 | 746,984 04 |
| This week | 3,561,678 12 | This week 2,369,790 20 |
| Last week | 4,317,368 12 | Last week 3,177,493 30 |
| Decrease | 724,369 00 | Decrease 867,704 10 |

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

Chicago Market, May 12.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car | \$1 25 |
| No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, dockage | 1 26 1/2 |
| No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car | 1 23 1/2 |
| No. 1 Nor. wheat, part car | 1 24 |
| No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car | 1 26 1/2 |
| No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car | 1 25 1/2 |
| No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, choice | 1 26 1/2 |
| No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars | 1 24 1/2 |
| No. 3 wheat, 2 cars | 1 18 |
| No. 3 wheat, 1 car | 1 16 1/2 |
| No. 3 wheat, part car | 1 17 1/2 |
| No. 3 wheat, 1 car, front, small | 1 17 1/2 |
| No. 3 wheat, 1 car, small, w.p. | 1 16 1/2 |
| Repacked wheat, part car | 1 02 |
| No. 4 wheat, 1 car, rump, clean | 1 12 1/2 |
| No. 4 wheat, 1 car | 1 04 1/2 |
| No. 4 wheat, 1 car | 1 09 1/2 |
| No. 4 wheat, 1 car | 1 16 |
| No. 4 wheat, 1 car | 1 15 |
| Sample grade white oats, 1 car | 42 1/2 |
| No. 1 white oats, 1 car | 44 |
| Mill oats, 2 cars, F.O.B. | 39 |
| Mill oats, 1 car | 39 1/2 |
| No. 4 white oats, 1 car, rub | 43 1/2 |
| No. 2 rye, 1 car | 42 |
| No. 3 rye, 1 car | 36 1/2 |
| Sample rye, 1 car | 34 |
| Sample barley, 1 car | 74 1/2 |
| Sample barley, 2 cars | 72 1/2 |
| Sample barley, 2 cars | 69 |
| No. 2 feed barley, 1 car | 70 |
| Sample barley, 1 car, to arrive | 74 |
| No. 2 flax, 1 car | 1 00 |
| No. 1 flax, 1 car | 1 05 |

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending Wednesday, May 10, movement of grain in interior terminal elevators was as follows:

| Elev. name | Grain | Rec'd dur- ing week | Ship'd dur- ing week | Now in store |
|------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Wheat | 50,140 20 | 131,118 30 | 2,135,167 20 | |
| Oats | 12,288 08 | 138,633 18 | 867,787 14 | |
| Barley | 3,296 92 | 5,366 35 | 50,571 07 | |
| Flax | 3,307 04 | 7,646 14 | 141,140 30 | |
| Wheat | 55,627 00 | 607,294 00 | | |
| Oats | 13,222 00 | 48,985 00 | 411,072 00 | |
| Barley | 4,532 00 | 11,854 00 | | |
| Flax | 1,441 00 | 1,969 00 | | |
| Grain | | 410,810 00 | | |

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, May 13, were:

| Cash Grain | Winnipeg | Minneapolis |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 Nor. wheat | \$1 19 1/2 | \$1 26 1/2 |
| 2 Nor. wheat | 1 17 1/2 | 1 24 1/2 |
| 3 Nor. wheat | 1 15 1/2 | 1 22 1/2 |
| 2 white oats | 46 | 43 1/2 |
| Barley | 56-68 | 65 1/2-75 |
| Flax, No. 1 | 1 66 1/2 | 1 59 |

The following table shows the receipts thus far in 1916, as compared with the same period in 1915:

| Year | Cattle | Hogs | Sheep | Cars |
|------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1916 | 18,849 | 16,074 | 92,227 | 1,503 |
| 1915 | 11,629 | 4,336 | 61,691 | 4,210 |

Fat cattle values today were steady. Stocker and feeder sales generally continued at the recent high price level, as did those in the dairy cow division. Top hog prices were registered at \$9.75 on some extra fancy porkers, this being a 10c premium over the regular market quoted early.

Calgary, May 13.—The Livestock Dept. of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. reports last week's receipts as follows: Horses, 327; cattle, 852; hogs, 1,829; sheep, 465. This week's receipts: Horses, 266; cattle, 720; hogs, 2,066; sheep, 1, and this week's 4,004 ag. Horses 140; cattle, 209; hogs, 3,443; sheep, 67.

The cattle top was \$8.10 for a carload of light, extra select steers. Prices ruling at \$5 to \$5.10 for well finished grain fed cattle. Top price this week a year ago \$5.25.

Hogs closed at \$11.12 1/2 for select, weighed off cars. All packers are complaining of injuries to stock, and suggesting advice somewhat as follows:—The loss from heaved and foundered legs is enormous, and is holding the way back to the shipper. We advise you not to load your hogs and cattle in the car without a partition. Also to get the proper facilities for unloading from wagons and into cars. Do not drop logs from the wagons or pound them with clubs or whips up the chute.

Winnipeg, May 12.—The Livestock Dept. of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. report receipts for the week as follows: Cattle, 1,209; calves, 225; hogs, 4,299.

The fairly liberal receipts included few good quality finished cattle. This class of cattle was in good demand and sold from \$10 to \$10 1/2 higher than last week, a few sales of choice lots being made from \$8.50 to \$9.75. Medium butchers and culls did not show as much advance, but sold at strong prices. Trade in stockers and feeders was rather strong on the good kind. We look for a favorable cattle market next week, especially on good cattle. There are very few real calves coming forward. Choice stock weighing 125 to 200 lbs. bring \$7.50 to \$8.50; common to fair \$6.00 to \$7.00. No sheep or lambs were offered during the week. Nice quality sheep weighing \$6.75 to \$7.50, and choice lambs \$6.00 to \$6.50.

The hog market opened on Monday with select selling at \$11, but and watered, and had steady all week at this figure. Prospects look steady on hogs for next week.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT MARKET

Spot Market

Liverpool, May 13.—Market steady

| | Close | Price |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| No. 1 Hard Winter | \$1 63 1/2 | \$1 63 1/2 |
| No. 2 Red Winter | 1 66 1/2 | 1 66 1/2 |
| No. 1 Nor. Spring, Chicago | 1 72 1/2 | 1 72 1/2 |
| No. 1 Nor. River steam | 1 74 1/2 | 1 74 1/2 |
| No. 1 Nor. Man. | 1 86 | 1 86 |
| No. 3 Nor. Man. | 1 78 1/2 | 1 78 1/2 |

PARCELS

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| No. 1 Nor. Man., May-June | 1 74 |
| No. 1 Nor. Man., April-May | 1 74 1/2 |
| No. 1 Nor. Man., May-June | 1 74 1/2 |
| No. 1 Nor. Man., May-June, Lon. | 1 74 1/2 |

Note.—These prices are approximately the value of the wheat per bushel on the basis of exchange at \$4.75. The rate of exchange is not furnished by Broomhall—Manitoba Free Press.

The Livestock Markets

Toronto, May 12.—Last week's market at Toronto Stock Yards maintained a strong up-tendency. Cattle were picked up at fairly steady prices. Some lots of cow steers brought \$9.10, with choice heavy at \$7.75 to \$9.

Trade was keen for cows and bulls and prices held. For good to choice \$6.75 to \$8 was paid. Demand was good for steers and the price range was steady at \$6 to \$100 each.

Operations here had seldom for stocker cattle, lots from the United States and Canadian points, and fair prices have been paid all week. Feeders were at \$7.75 to \$8.25, good to choice steers at \$7 to \$8. Few sheep and lambs came, from \$9 to \$11 each being paid for good spring lambs. Sheep and yearlings were steady.

Market notes fairly held at \$11.75, off cars, at \$11.50 but not watered.

South St. Paul, May 12.—The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1915, to date, as compared with the same period in 1915:

| Year | Cattle | Hogs | Sheep | Cars |
|------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1916 | 193,878 | 61,961 | 1,235,732 | 167,717 |
| 1915 | 152,438 | 40,486 | 881,236 | 173,878 |

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from May 9 to 15 inclusive

| Date | WHEAT | | | | | OATS | | | | | BARLEY | | | | | FLAX | | | | |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-------|------|--|
| | 1' | 2' | 3' | 4' | 5' | Feed | 2 C W | 3 C W | Ex 1 F O | 1 F O | 2 F O | No. 3 | No. 4 | Reg. | Feed | 1 N W | 2 C W | 3 C W | Reg. | |
| May 9 | 119 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 90 | 65 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 63 | 62 | 58 | 58 | 170 1/2 | 167 1/2 | ... | ... | |
| May 10 | 120 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 90 1/2 | 65 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 63 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 171 1/2 | 168 1/2 | ... | ... | |
| May 11 | 120 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 119 1/2 | 90 1/2 | 65 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 63 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 170 1/2 | 167 1/2 | ... | ... | |
| May 12 | 119 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 90 1/2 | 65 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 63 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 169 1/2 | 166 1/2 | ... | ... | |
| May 13 | 119 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 90 1/2 | 65 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 63 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 169 1/2 | 166 1/2 | ... | ... | |
| May 15 | 119 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 | 90 1/2 | 65 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 63 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 172 1/2 | 169 1/2 | ... | ... | |
| Week ago | 117 1/2 | 115 1/2 | 115 1/2 | 115 1/2 | 115 1/2 | 89 1/2 | 65 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 63 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 58 1/2 | 168 1/2 | 165 1/2 | ... | ... | |
| Year ago | 109 1/2 | 107 1/2 | 107 1/2 | 107 1/2 | 107 1/2 | 82 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 172 1/2 | 174 1/2 | ... | ... | |

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

| LIVESTOCK | Winnipeg | | Toronto | Calgary | Chicago | St. Paul | COUNTRY PRODUCE | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| | May 15 | Year Ago | | | | | May 12 | May 12 | May 11 | May 12 | May 11 | May 12 | May 12 |
| Cattle | \$ - - - | \$ - - - | \$ - - - | \$ - - - | \$ - - - | \$ - - - | Butter (per lb.) | 22c-24c | 25c-30c | 25c | 27c | 27c | 27c |
| Choice steers | 8 25-8 50 | 8 25-8 50 | 8 25-8 50 | 8 25-8 50 | 8 25-8 50 | 8 25-8 50 | Fancy dairy | 25c | 25c | 25c | 25c | 25c | 25c |
| Best butcher steers | 7 50-8 00 | 7 50-8 00 | 7 50-8 00 | 7 50-8 00 | 7 50-8 00 | 7 50-8 00 | No. 1 dairy | 20c | 20c | 20c | 20c | 20c | 20c |
| Fair to good butcher steers | 7 00-7 50 | 7 00-7 50 | 7 00-7 50 | 7 00-7 50 | 7 00-7 50 | 7 00-7 50 | Good round lots | 17c-19c | 18c-20c | 20c | 22c | 22c | 22c |
| Good to choice fat cows | 6 50-7 00 | 6 50-7 00 | 6 50-7 00 | 6 50-7 00 | 6 50-7 00 | 6 50-7 00 | | | | | | | |
| Medium to good cows | 5 50-6 25 | 5 50-6 25 | 5 50-6 25 | 5 50-6 25 | 5 50-6 25 | 5 50-6 25 | Eggs (per doz.) | | | | | | |
| Common cows | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | Subject to marketing | 19c-20c | 19c | 22c-25c | 22c | 18c | 20c |
| Calves | 8 00-8 25 | 8 00-8 25 | 8 00-8 25 | 8 00-8 25 | 8 00-8 25 | 8 00-8 25 | New laid | | | | | | |
| Good to choice heifers | 6 75-7 25 | 6 75-7 25 | 6 75-7 25 | 6 75-7 25 | 6 75-7 25 | 6 75-7 25 | Potatoes | | | | | | |
| Fair to good heifers | 5 75-6 25 | 5 75-6 25 | 5 75-6 25 | 5 75-6 25 | 5 75-6 25 | 5 75-6 25 | In bulk, per bushel, new | 60c-70c | 50c-55c | 70c | 70c-75c | 70c | 70c |
| Best cows | 5 25-5 50 | 5 25-5 50 | 5 25-5 50 | 5 25-5 50 | 5 25-5 50 | 5 25-5 50 | Milk and Cream | | | | | | |
| Best butcher heifers | 5 00-5 25 | 5 00-5 25 | 5 00-5 25 | 5 00-5 25 | 5 00-5 25 | 5 00-5 25 | Sweet cream, per lb. but-ter-fat | 37c | 35c | 30c-35c | 35c | 35c | 35c |
| Common to 1/2 choice heifers | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | 4 50-5 25 | Cream for butter-making | | | | | | |
| Best feeding steers | 4 75-5 25 | 4 75-5 25 | 4 75-5 25 | 4 75-5 25 | 4 75-5 25 | 4 75-5 25 | purpose (per lb. but-ter-fat) | | | | | | |
| Best stocker steers | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | Best fat | 30c-32c | 29c | 30c-32c | 30-32 | 32c | 32c |
| Best milkers and springers | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | 4 00-4 50 | Subject to marketing | 30c-32c | \$2 00 | 30c per lb. | 60 lb. cwt. | \$2 50 | \$2 50 |
| Fair milkers and springers | 3 50-4 00 | 3 50-4 00 | 3 50-4 00 | 3 50-4 00 | 3 50-4 00 | 3 50-4 00 | New laid | | | | | | |
| Best yearlings | 3 75-4 00 | 3 75-4 00 | 3 75-4 00 | 3 75-4 00 | 3 75-4 00 | 3 75-4 00 | Dressed Poultry | | | | | | |
| Best yearlings | 3 50-3 75 | 3 50-3 75 | 3 50-3 75 | 3 50-3 75 | | | | | | | | | |