The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, October 16, 1916)

Wheat—The most important events in the grain business last week were the action of the Imperial Government in taking charge of importing and the purchase by them of large quantities of Australian wheat. The trade on this continent has been much unsettled by these events, altho unofficial statements were made that there would be no interference with the regular transaction of business in Canadian and American wheat. It was understood that the intention of the British Government in purchasing the Australian wheat was to secure a reserve stock without discontinuing purchases of wheat here. In the meantime our markets have been dull in both futures and cash and the export trade is at a standstill.

Oats—Markets have been in much the same quiet condition that the wheat markets have. Prices have eased off several cents during the week. Receipts are liberal and the demand is rather quiet.

Barley—Prices have continued strong and on Saturday No. 3 Canada Western went over the dollar mark, making a new record in the history of the barley trade here.

Flax—Has maintained its high level of prices, within comparatively narrow ranges, and advices from the Argentine continue to confirm the reports of damage.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May
October 10	168	....	160¼	161¼
October 11	165¼	....	159¼	160¼
October 12	164	....	159¼	161¼
October 13	164¼	....	159¼	161¼
October 14	164	....	158¼	161¼
October 16	163¼	....	158¼	161¼
Week ago	168¼	....	161¼	162¼
Year ago	93¼	92¼	91¼	97¼
Oats—				
October 10	55¼	....	53¼	55¼
October 11	54¼	....	53¼	54¼
October 12	54	....	53	54¼
October 13	53¼	....	53¼	54¼
October 14	52¼	....	52¼	54¼
October 16	52¼	....	51¼	53¼
Week ago	55¼	....	53¼	55¼
Year ago	37¼	....	34¼	38¼
Flax—				
October 10	228	228	224¼	....
October 11	228¼	228	225¼	....
October 12	224	224	224	....
October 13	226¼	225	224¼	....
October 14	226¼	226	222	....
October 16	227¼	222¼	222¼	....
Week ago	224	221	224	....
Year ago	162¼	162¼	164	....

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Oct. 13)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	$1.80
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1.77¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.73
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.73¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.73¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.70
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.69¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.69
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.74
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.73¼
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.77¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.68¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.69¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.72
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.69¼
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.70
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.69¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, W.P.	1.59
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, W.P.	1.63¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.70¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.67
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.15
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.20
Sample grade wheat, 2 cars	1.25¼
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.30¼
Sample grade wheat, 1 car	1.35¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.64¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.40¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.55
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.40¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.48¼
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.38¼
No. 1 mixed wheat, 2 cars	1.79¼
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	1.80¼
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.46¼
No. 4 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.10
No. 1 durum wheat, 2 cars	1.80
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1.75
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	1.05
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1.61
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 4 cars, Mont.	1.58
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	1.63¼
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, Mont.	1.52
No. 3 mixed corn, 1 car	.87¼
No. 3 mixed corn, 1 car, sample	.86¼
No. 2 yellow corn, 1 car	.89
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	.88
No. 3 mixed corn, 1,000 bu., to arrive	.86
Standard white oats, 1 car, Willmar	.45¼
No. 2 white oats, 1 car, Willmar	.46¼
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, S.S.	.44¼
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.44¼
No grade oats, 1 car	.44¼
Mixed grade oats, 1 car	.44¼
No. 2 rye, 1 car, thin	1.21
No. 2 rye, 2 cars, dockage	1.23
No. 1 rye, 1 car	1.22
No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.21¼
No grade rye, part car	1.18
No. 6 barley, 1 car	.85
No. 6 barley, 1 car	.72¼
No. 6 barley, 2 cars	.73¼
No. 6 barley, 1 car	.81
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.87
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.86
Sample barley, 1 car	.81
Sample barley, 1 car	.79
Sample barley, 1 car	.73
No. 1 flax, 700 bu., to arrive	2.44
No. 1 flax, 800 bu., to arrive, Minn.	2.42¼
No. 1 flax, 3,150 bu., to arrive	2.45¼
No. 1 flax, 6,000 bu., to arrive	2.46
No. 1 flax, 1,000 bu., to arrive	2.46¼

INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATOR STOCKS

Movement of grain in interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, October 11, was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Calgary	Wheat	60,990.00	3,133.00	67,574.00
"	Oats	.....	9,394.00	4,706.00
"	Barley	.....	.....	2,989.00
"	Flax	.....	.....	3,198.00
"	Timothy	.....	.....	55.00
"	Mix'd Grain	.....	.....	30,800 lbs.
Moose Jaw	Wheat	31,158.20	23,787.10	229,597.40
"	Oats	1,836.26	.....	25,510.02
"	Barley	.....	.....	9,933.00
"	Flax	.....	.....	1,172.09
Saskatoon	Wheat	.....	10,327.40	31,838.30
"	Oats	502.12	.....	9,198.28
"	Barley	856.42	.....	856.42
"	Flax	.....	.....	2,854.36

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, October 13, 1916.—

1916 Wheat

	This Year		Last Year
1 hard	12,472.40		262,942.50
1 Nor.	1,918,772.30		4,293,843.00
2 Nor.	1,672,508.30		1,406,197.40
3 Nor.	1,429,051.40		686,299.20
No. 4	851,040.20		227,213.00
Others	2,539,176.10		2,973,632.20
This week	8,423,021.50	This week	9,850,128.10
Last week	6,863,248.10	Last week	11,605,603.20
Increase	1,559,773.40	Decrease	1,755,475.10
Oats			
1 C.W.	47,356.06		12,920.00
2 C.W.	1,154,057.32		300,883.26
3 C.W.	610,914.08		180,757.15
Ex. 1 fd.	119,794.11		3,027.05
Others	662,383.20		618,461.23
This week	2,594,506.09	This week	1,116,050.01
Last week	2,141,350.29	Last week	905,921.05
Increase	453,155.14	Increase	210,128.30
Barley		**Flaxseed**	
3 C.W.	183,677.03	1 N.W.C.	460,054.43
4 C.W.	187,092.00	2 C.W.	165,014.11
Rej.	54,964.39	3 C.W.	17,610.27
Feed	179,420.44	Others	41,036.29
Others	61,753.15		
This week	666,908.05	This week	683,715.54
Last week	476,239.25	Last week	810,326.52
Increase	190,668.28	Decrease	126,610.54
Last year's total	366,125.13	Last year's total	650,669.14

SHIPMENTS

	1916—Lake	1916—Rail
Wheat	3,556,695.50	109,263.20
Oats	685,445.10	338,132.26
Barley	101,013.16	5,053.38
Flax	181,714.51	1,093.22
	1915—Lake	1915—Rail
Wheat	11,714,500.00	66,148.00
Oats	636,051.00	25,178.00
Barley	159,575.00	10,778.00
Flax	100,542.00	.....

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending October 13, 1916.—

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	8,423,021	2,594,506	666,938
In Vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	5,398,721	7,817,128	803,442
Total	13,821,742	10,411,634	1,470,350
At Buffalo and Duluth	2,495,153	2,032,835	126,573
Total this week	16,316,895	12,414,469	1,596,923
Total last week	14,140,144	12,054,805	1,256,070
Total last year	15,299,558	1,364,103	631,704

The Livestock Markets

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The steady advance in cattle values here looks good to stay. Particularly is this true of the heavy stuff. The proportion of light cattle is heavy. The Gazette says that nine markets on October 9 had 116,000 cattle from which the packers could ten buy only 37 per cent. This heavy movement is due to continue until well into December. The heaviest cattle around 1,500 lbs. sold at $11.40, as high as at any time of the season. The good grades have had ample buying competition, while poor stuff has had hard sledding. A lot of little canning steers are selling below $6.00. Most butcher cows are selling at $5.25 to $6.50, with heifers at $5.75 to $7.00. Bulls are 10 to 15 cents higher.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Friday, Oct. 13, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.64¼	$1.77¼
2 Nor. wheat	1.61¼	1.73¼
3 Nor. wheat	1.56¼	1.69¼
3 white oats	.....	.45¼
Barley	1.00	62-101
Flax, No. 1	2.26¼	2.46¼
Futures—		
Oct. wheat	1.64	.....
Nov. wheat	1.63¼	.....
Dec. wheat	1.58¼	1.70¼
May wheat	1.61¼	1.66¼

The hog market is firm. The break in prices recently has rather produced a hold back than a flooding of the market.

British, French and Italian army horse buyers are very active. Most of this stuff is being taken at $160 to $175.

Two years ago the U.S.A. federal government furnished the Crow Indians in Montana with 7,000 two-year-old heifers, 2,000 yearling steers and 350 bulls with the idea of making these Indians more self supporting. In September 51 carloads of cattle from the various Crow reserves reached Chicago and Omaha. They brought $7.45 to $8.00 per cwt. and netted $97,993.42. The Indian Dept. at Washington is working out a policy designed to make the tribal Indians independent by establishing a livestock industry on these reservations on grazing which has heretofore been leased to cattlemen.

South St. Paul, Oct. 13.—The outlet for cattle of the killer grade here today was generally steady. Most steers sold under the $7.00 line. Inferior stuff was particularly draggy. Stock heifers and thrifty young cows held up well with a few up to $6.25 again early in the day. Prices seemed inclined to waver on some of those, however, as the result of unwillingness by country buyers to meet further advances. Dairy cows and veal calves held steady. Nine western markets today had 15,000 cattle and 25,500 calves, and in five days this week have had 280,000 cattle and 25,500 calves.

The following table shows the weight, cost and price range of hogs for October 12: Average weight 204 lbs.; average cost $9.22; price range $9.00 to $9.35. The hog trade started off about steady today, but showed easier tendencies earlier in the session and had not progressed far before many sellers rated clearance a dime under the average of the preceding day. Receipts were moderate, but outside news was weak. Sales ranged mostly from $9.00 to $9.35 with $9.10 to $9.25 figures ruling for a large share of the crop. Pigs again sold at $8.60 and less, few going under $8.00. Estimated receipts at nine markets were 48,500, and in five days this week those points have had about 314,000 head against 345,000 the same days last week.

Sheep and lamb trade was on unaltered basis today. The run was of limited extent and of native origin mostly. Top for lambs remains practically at $9.25, and other grades of stock are in the same relative positions as earlier in the week. Feeder call is unabated and best grades are eligible to as much money as fat kinds, if not more. Nine western markets had 35,000 head today, and in five days this week have had 379,000 against 418,000 the same days last week.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Cattle head steady on yesterday's livestock market. There was no stuff on the market that could be cashed at $8.00 a hundred. Several sales were made at $7.75, and the bulk of butcher cattle of fair quality changed hands at $7.00 to $7.50. There was no improvement in the market for medium and common cattle. Choice weighty steers were quoted at $8.00 to $8.25, and medium weighty at $7.25 to $7.75. Choice handy butchers' were steady at $7.25 to $7.50, and good were $5.90 to $6.30. Choice cows sold as high as $6.75, and good were $5.90 to $6.30. Canners and cutters sold at $3.50 to $4.75.

There was no change in the price of stockers and feeders and the market was easy, with little demand except for feeders of 900 lbs. and over.

Milkers and springers were steady, but there were few sales made over $90. Choice springers would bring $100 to $110.

Hogs were steady with a firmer undertone to the market. Prices were advanced 10 cents a hundred in some cases. The disinclination of sellers to place their stock on the market at present prices is plainly to be seen, and by holding back the supply they will try to force prices higher. The prices which ruled yesterday were $10.90 to $11.00 fed and watered.

Lambs firmed noticeably yesterday, with choice stuff bringing 11 cents a pound and with the bulk of good stuff bringing 10½ cents.

Winnipeg, Oct. 16.—The Livestock Department

Cash Prices Ft. William and Port Arthur from October 10 to October 16 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.
Oct. 10	168¼	166¼	160¼	150¼	142¼	131¼	109¼	55¼	54¼	54¼	54¼	54	96	91	79	79	227¼	224¼	..	..
11	165¼	162¼	157¼	147¼	139¼	127¼	..	54¼	..	..	..	..	95¼	89¼	79	79	226¼	225¼	..	..
12	164¼	161¼	156¼	146	138	126	105	54	52	52	52	52	96	91	80	79¼	223¼	220¼	..	..
13	164¼	161¼	156¼	145¼	137¼	126¼	104¼	53¼	51¼	51¼	51¼	51¼	97	92	81	81	226¼	223¼	..	..
14	164¼	161¼	156¼	....	....	....	104	52¼	..	50¼	50¼	50¼	100	94	82	81	226¼	223¼	..	..
15	164¼	161¼	156¼	144¼	....	....	....	52	50¼	..	50¼	49¼	101	94	82¼	82	227¼	224¼	199¼	..
Week ago	169¼	167¼	160¼	151¼	146¼	135¼	111¼	55¼	54¼	54¼	54¼	54	96	91	80	80	224	221	196	196
Year ago	94¼	92¼	89¼	83¼	78¼	73¼	68¼	39¼	38¼	37¼	37¼	36¼	58¼	55¼	46	46	163¼	159¼	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Oct. 16	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto Oct. 12	Calgary Oct. 13	Chicago Oct. 12	St. Paul Oct. 13
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers	6.60-6.85	6.25-6.50	7.75-8.25	.....	10.50-11.40	.....
Best butcher steers	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	7.25-7.60	6.00-6.60	8.90-10.50	7.00-8.25
Fair to good butcher steers	5.25-5.75	5.00-5.35	5.80-7.00	.....	7.00-8.50	6.25-7.00
Good to choice fat cows	5.25-5.75	4.75-5.00	6.25-6.60	5.00-5.25	7.00-8.25	5.25-6.25
Medium to good cows	4.50-5.00	4.25-4.50	5.50-5.75	.....	5.40-7.00	4.75-5.25
Common cows	4.00-4.50	3.75-4.00	5.00-5.25	4.25-4.75	4.50-5.25	3.75-4.75
Canners	3.00-3.75	.....	3.50-4.25	2.00-2.25	3.50-4.50	2.50
Good to choice heifers	5.75-6.25	5.00-5.25	7.25-7.60	5.50	7.25-10.00	5.25-6.50
Fair to good heifers	5.00-5.50	.....	6.00-7.25	5.00-5.25	4.75-7.25	5.00-5.50
Best cows	5.50-6.00	.....	.....	4.00-5.50	.....	.....
Best butcher bulls	5.25-5.75	4.50-4.75	5.75-6.25	4.00-4.50	6.60-7.85	5.25-5.75
Common or bologna bulls	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50	4.85-5.50	3.80-4.00	4.50-6.15	4.75-5.25
Best feeder steers	5.00-6.00	5.40-5.75	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.25	6.25-7.25	6.50-7.00
Best stocker steers	5.00-5.85	5.25-5.50	5.40-6.25	.....	5.00-6.75	5.25-6.50
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$65-$75	$75-$105	$95-$100	.....	$60-$80
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$40-$50	$50-$70	$55-$75	.....	$45-$60
Hogs						
Choice hogs, fed and watered	$10.00	9.20-9.35	10.90-11.00	$9.10	9.45-9.65	9.00-9.35
Light hogs	$9.00	.....	$9.00	.....	9.90-10.05	$10.75
Heavy sows	$7.00	6.50-7.00	$7.40	.....	8.30-8.75	.....
Stags	$5.50	$4.50	.....	.....	9.50-10.00	.....
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	8.50-9.50	$8.00	8.00-10.75	$9.50	8.00-9.75	8.75-9.25
Best killing sheep	7.00-8.25	6.00-6.50	6.50-7.75	8.00-9.00	6.75-7.75	8.50-8.50

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg Oct. 16	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary Oct. 12	Saskatoon Sept. 16	Regina Oct. 13	Brandon
Butter (per lb.)						
No. 1 dairy	31c	22c-24c	28c-30c	.....	35c	.....
No. 2 dairy	22c	21c-22c	25c	22c-28c	33c	.....
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling	22c	23c	.....	20c	32c	.....
New laid	35c	.....	28c	25c	35c	.....
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	60c	50c	55c	45c	60c	.....
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	40c	35c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	35c	27c	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweet milk (gal. 3.6%)	24c	$2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dressed Poultry						
Spring chickens	16c	8c	15c	.....	16c	.....
Fowl	14c	10c	14c	.....	12c	.....
Ducks	14c	13c	13c	.....	14c	.....
Geese	14c	.....	14c	.....	12c	.....
Turkeys	19c	13c-14c	20c	.....	18c	.....
Hay (per ton)		No. 1's		No. 1's	No. 1's	
No. 2 Red Top	$8-$10	$14	.....	$8-$10	$11	.....
No. 2 Upland	$7-$8	$12	$9	.....	$8	.....
No. 2 Timothy	$12	$16	$14	$10	.....	.....
No. 2 Midland	$9	$11	.....	$11 pressed	.....	.....
Clover and Timothy	$10-$12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....