



GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Grain Growers' Grain Company's Office, May 1, 1911.)

Wheat.—During the past week our wheat moved up a little, more in sympathy with the advance in the American markets than on export demand, consequently there has not been much wheat worked for export.

Navigation has opened and large shipments of wheat have been made, in fact the past week has seen about two and three-quarter million moved out from the lake terminals. Still the stocks there were the largest in many years. Many cars which could not be unladen before will now be taken in, and the delay has worked to the advantage of our farmers as prices are higher now. Those who wish to realize upon their wheat in the next few weeks should sell on hedges.

Farmers should watch for permanent damage from the recent freezing weather and report such damage to the headquarters of the various Grain Growers' Associations. Such information will be valuable.

Oats.—Oats have weakened a little at the end of April but the situation continues strong with the best export demand in many years.

Barley has held dull and steady with no change in the situation.

Flax has weakened considerably as crushers of flax are now said to have such a supply as will last them, according to their present calculations, until the new crop. Any advance in flax, we think, should be taken advantage of.

Winnipeg Live Stock Country Produce

Cattle

Receipts this week were light and were mostly to common animals. Prices are even with last week, quality considered, but very few cattle that would catch anywhere near the top have been shipped. The truth is that there are very few such animals in the country, nor will there be until there is plenty of grass. Prices in the East have not bettered to any extent, in fact are easier than they were a while ago. While this state of affairs endures there will be dressed beef shipped west and this will tend to prevent any great advance in prices here. However, there is little likelihood of there being any reduction for some time to come.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Best butcher steers	45.50 to 46.00
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	4.75 " 5.25
Common to medium butcher steers and heifers	4.00 " 4.50
Good fat cows	4.75 " 5.00
Medium cows	3.75 " 4.25
Common cows	3.25 " 3.50
Best bulls	4.00 " 4.50
Common to medium bulls	3.50 " 3.75
Canners	2.75 " 3.00
Choice veal calves	5.50 " 6.00
Heavy calves	4.00 " 5.00

Hogs

Hog prices remain at the same level as last week and there is practically no change in the situation. Unless there is a great increase in receipts it is hard to see how there can be any further reduction in prices.

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	\$6.75
Heavy sows	\$5.25 to 6.25
Stags	4.50 " 5.00

Sheep and Lambs

Receipts were limited to one carload received by a local abattoir from the States. Prices remain the same as last week.

Prices quoted are:

Good handy weight sheep	\$5.50 to \$6.00
Heavy sheep	4.75 " 5.25

Butter

The butter trade shows no improvement over last week. Receipts from the country are not heavy but so large are the stocks that have been held at storage centers that there is sufficient in sight to supply all demands for some time to come. Of course, the new stock sells higher than the held stuff, but still the large supplies from storage exert a drag on prices for even the best. Dealers do not anticipate any great supplies from the country until the grass is well along. Following prices are quoted f.o.b. Winnipeg:

Fancy dairy	20c. to 22c.
No. 1 dairy	18c. to 20c.
Good round lots without culls or mold	16c.
Lower grades	are not wanted at any price, there being absolutely no outlet for them.

Cream

City dealers are offering 31 cents per pound butter-fat for cream that can be delivered sweet in the city and 23 cents for sour cream for butter-making purposes. Dealers are having a hard time to get anywhere near the supply of sweet cream that they need and such will be the case until the supply of grass is much improved. From the quotations the advantage of shipping sweet cream is apparent.

Eggs

Shipments of Manitoba eggs to Winnipeg are heavy but the price remains at the same level as last week, 17 cents per dozen, f.o.b. Winnipeg. Demand is good and unless receipts should be much larger the price should hold.

Potatoes

Potato prices are steady with last week, dealers offering 70 to 75 cents per bushel for good stock. Dealers advise farmers, when planting this spring, to be sure and use all the same kind of seed. Some of the carload shipments that came to Winnipeg from western points last fall contained as many as ten different varieties of tubers. As a consequence they suffered much, when sold in competition with Eastern shipments, that were of but one variety to the ear. The difference in price from this cause alone was,

in some cases, as much as twenty cents per bushel. Also it is a good plan for neighbors to plant the same variety, so then, if it is necessary to make up a carload together, it will be of the same variety throughout.

Hay

The hay market shows great strength this week, two dollars per ton higher being offered for the wild varieties than last week. The demand is strong and supplies are very hard to get. Dealers quote the following prices on track, Winnipeg:

Wild Hay	
No. 1	\$15.00
No. 2	14.00
No. 3	10.00
Timothy	
No. 1	\$18.00
No. 2	16.00

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, May 1.—Union Stock Yard receipts 66 cars with 1,345 head of cattle, 84 sheep and lambs, 40 hogs, 44 calves and 40 horses. Trade fairly active—with moderately good demand for both export butchers. The opening of St. Lawrence navigation and sailings from Montreal looked for Saturday next has stimulated export trade slightly. Prices were, on the whole, steady with slightly firmer tendency, but quotations practically unchanged. Sheep and lambs steady and unchanged with very light receipts. Hog market very weak and prices 15 cents lower, sows \$6 f.o.b. and \$6.35 fed and watered at Toronto. Export cattle quoted steady at \$5.60 to \$6 the top, butchers, choice, \$5.75 to \$5.85, medium choice, \$5 to \$5.60, common mixed \$3.75 to \$4.50. Sheep steady, ewes \$4.75 to \$5.25, bucks \$3.50 to \$4.25; lambs, yearling Canadian, \$5.75 to \$6.25; springs, \$3 to \$6.50 each. Good milk cows firm at \$55 to \$70 each.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

Liverpool, May 1.—John Rogers & Co. state today that trade in Birkenhead, although slow showed no appreciable difference from Saturday for both cattle and sheep, and quotations may be given as follows:

States and Canadian steers, from 13½¢ to 13½¢; clipped lambs from 14½¢ to 15¢; and clipped wethers from 11½¢ to 12¢ per pound.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK

Montreal, May 1.—Receipts at the C. P. R. east end market today were 325 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 105 hogs and 200 calves, and for the week 650 cattle, 225 sheep and lambs, 1,154 hogs and 2,800 calves. Prices were 25c. per 100 lbs. lower than last week, with steers selling at \$5.50 to \$6.50; cows, \$3.50 to \$5.50; and bulls, \$3.50 to \$5.50. Sheep were lower at \$4 to \$6, and lambs at \$5 to \$7. Hogs also declined in price to the extent of 25c. per 100 lbs., and sold at \$6.75 and sows \$5.75. Calves brought all the way from \$2 to \$6. At the Montreal stock yards, west end market, cattle were also 25c. lower, with top quality quoted at \$5.75 to \$6, and good butchers \$5.50; cows, good, \$4.50 to \$5, and bulls

\$4.50 to \$5. Hogs sold at \$6.75 and calves at \$2 to \$7.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Ill., May 1.—Cattle—Receipts \$2,000; steady; heaves, \$5 to \$6.45; Texas steers, \$4.00 to \$5.50; western steers, \$4.80 to \$5.70; stockers and feeders, \$4 to \$5.45; cows and heifers, \$2.40 to \$5.65; calves, \$4.25 to \$6. Hogs—Receipts 67,000; market more active generally; 15 cents lower than Saturday average; light, \$5.95 to \$6.10; mixed, \$5.70 to \$6; heavy, \$5.55 to \$5.95; rough, \$5.55 to \$5.70; good to choice heavy, \$5.70 to \$5.95; pigs, \$5.55 to \$6; bulk of sales, \$5.85 to \$6.85. Sheep—Receipts 67,000; market weak; natives, \$3 to \$4.00; western, \$3.25 to \$4.00; yearlings, \$4.25 to \$5.15; lambs, native, \$4.25 to \$6.10; western, \$4.75 to \$6.15.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

Minneapolis, Minn., May 1.—The first of the May delivery days was marked by the passage of all tenders into strong hands. The mills and Armour took the 1,000,000 bushels tendered early, and in Chicago the 2,000,000 bushels were well taken care of, resulting in a strong market but lacking any sensational development. Strong cables were held to the bulls, and while crop news on the whole was bearish, the cold weather extending into the northwest and the high winds over the northwest was conducive to caution to the bears. Statistics were more bullish than bearish. World's shipments were moderate; there was a liberal decrease on ocean passage, and while the domestic primary movement exceeded the year ago run, the visible increase 1,715,000 bushels, which compared, however, with a decrease of 3,554,000 bushels last year for the corresponding week. Compared with a week ago the arrivals at the primary markets are not showing up as heavy and this may indicate a lighter first handling movement. The southwest got additional moisture, mostly in the form of snow, especially through Nebraska. While this was damaging to the fruit crop, it did no harm to grain. The Canadian northwest had good rains, but in the spring wheat states little rain fell and reports of high wind in North Dakota were quite general.

No change was noted in the local cash market. The demand continues limited with the mills showing no great interest in top grade offering. No. 1 Northern sold mostly from 1½ to 2½ cents over May. Flour sales were moderate.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Ill., May 1.—New buying of wheat was given impetus today because the monthly deliveries here went into strong hands. A liberal portion of the resulting advance failed to outlast the session, but the market closed steady at prices varying from Saturday night's level to ½ cents above. Corn finished ½ to ¾ cents up, oats with a gain of 1 to 1½ to 1 cent. Purchasing of wheat was not so confident late in the day as during the early hours. Besides a number of first buyers unloaded. On the whole, however, the trade paid little attention to the splendid rains which had fallen over the crop country the last 48 hours. Some of the feeling of strength came from the fact that the world's shipments were 1,000,000 bushels less than for the previous week and for the corresponding time a year ago. Then, too, the visible supply of both the United States and Canada showed a falling off, and the Oklahoma state report gave a low condition as well as setting forth a heavy abandonment of acreage. Profit-taking had quite a little to do with the relative weakness of the market in the final hour. Wet weather and smaller shipments than expected, carried up corn. Eastern demand, however, was quite brisk, and primary receipts were on a huge scale. Cash grades were firm. Despite considerable liquidation in oats,

QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from APR. 26 to MAY 2, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT												OATS		BARLEY				FLAX	
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	Ref. 1 1	Ref. 1 2	Ref. 2 1	Ref. 2 2	Ref. 1* Seeds	Ref. 2* Seeds	2cw. 3cw.	3	4	Ref. Feed.	1Nw 1 Man. Ref.		
April																				
26	93	91	88	84	78	72	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	68	55	..	235		
27	93	90	88	83	78	72	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	68	55	..	234		
28	93	91	88	83	78	72	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	68	55	44	228		
29	94	91	89	84	79	73	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	69	55	..	230		
May 1	91	92	90	85	80	73	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	69	55	..	232		
2	96	93	91	86	81	73	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	69	55	..	232		