The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, May 1, 1915)

Wheat—Market has ruled fairly active this week, and while it has been an erratic one the general undertone has been firm, considering that there has been practically nothing worked for export with Liverpool during period under review. Liverpool market has not responded fully to the advantages registered on this side, and while there was a good business done in American winters up to ten days ago the recent advances have thrown us out of line. At the close today prices show net loss of 1 cent to 2 cents on July and May wheat respectively, while the October is down 2¼ cents. Crop conditions over Canadian North-West are very bright indeed for this time of the year, which together with good prospects over the American winter belt has largely been responsible for the decline this week.

The cash demand, generally speaking, has not been good, particularly for the lower grades, it having been impossible on more than one occasion to sell anything other than straight 1, 2 and 3 Northern. However, today there were buyers for the other grades, but rejecteds, toughs and smuttys are not being very anxiously enquired for.

Oats—Liquidation in our May future, coupled with weakness in Chicago oats, have put prices down here about 2¾ cents on the May and about 2 cents on the July. Cash demand has not been good for oats at any time during the past week, but if wheat holds fairly firm, oats at these prices might be expected to do a little better now that the May liquidation is about over.

Barley—Demand for this grain continues very poor, even tho prices have declined over 15 cents from the high point established a couple of months ago.

Flax—Market remains very dull and inactive and prices have ruled a little lower this week, particularly on the May, which at the close today was about ⅛ cent lower compared with ¼ cent decline on the July.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat	May	July	Oct.
April 27	161⅞	161¼	123½
April 28	163⅞	163⅞	125⅞
April 29	163¼	163⅛	125
April 30	162¼	162⅛	124⅞
May 1	163¼	163⅛	125⅛
May 3	Arbor Day Holiday		
Oats—			
April 27	63	64	....
April 28	64⅛	65⅛	....
April 29	63¾	65	....
April 30	63	64⅛	....
May 1	63½	64⅞	....
May 3	Arbor Day Holiday		
Flax—			
April 27	177½	181	....
April 28	178	181½	....
April 29	178⅜	182	....
April 30	178⅜	182⅛	....
May 1	179½	182¾	186½
May 3	Arbor Day Holiday		

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, April 29)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	$1.61⅝
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.59
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars, dockage	1.65½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.63½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.62
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.64½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.62½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.60⅞
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.59½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.56⅞
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.58
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.57⅞
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.57
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.55½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.55
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.55½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.54½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.58⅞
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.58⅜
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	1.58
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.53½
No. 3 wheat, part car	1.55
Rejected wheat, 1 car	1.38
Screenings, 1 car, per ton	17.00
Screenings, 1 car, per ton	15.75
Screenings, part car, per ton	16.50
Screenings, 1 car, per ton	15.50
Timothy, 19 bags	5.30
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.52
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.54½
No. 1 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.63
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.50½
No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	1.51⅞
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, smut	1.57
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.45⅞
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.49
No. 3 corn, 4 cars, mixed	72½
No. 3 corn, 3 cars, mixed	72⅞
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car, low moisture, to arrive	73⅞
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	73½
No. 6 corn, 1 car, mixed	72
No. 3 corn, 1 car, mixed	72
Sample grade corn, 1 car, red hot	67
Sample corn, 1 car	72
No. 3 yellow corn, 2 cars, to arrive	73½
No. 3 corn, 1 car, mixed	72½
No grade oats, 1 car	51½
Sample grade oats, 1 car	51⅞
Sample grade oats, 1 car	52
Sample grade oats, 1 car	53
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	53
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	52½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	52⅞
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	53½
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	51⅞
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	52⅛
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	52⅞
No. 3 white oats, part car	53½
No. 3 oats, 1 car	51⅞
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	53⅞
No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.14½
No. 2 rye, 2 cars	1.15
No. 2 rye, 1,000 bu., to arrive	1.15
No. 2 rye, 1 car	1.16
Sample grade barley, 2 cars	71
Sample grade barley, 1 car	72
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	70½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	70
Sample grade barley, 1 car	74
Sample grade barley, 2 cars	73
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	70½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	71½
Sample grade barley, part car	70½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	73½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	72
No. 1 flax, 4 sacks, sample	1.90
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.94

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, April 30.—Cattle—Receipts 1,000. Beeves, $6.15 to $8.75; western steers, $5.60 to $7.40; cows and heifers, $3.10 to $8.50; calves, $3.00 to $8.75.

Hog Receipts, 16,000. Light, $7.45 to $7.85; mixed, $7.35 to $7.80; heavy, $7.15 to $7.75; rough, $7.15 to $7.30; pigs, $5.25 to $7.10; bulk of sales, $7.60 to $7.70.

Sheep Receipts, 6,000. Native, $7.40 to $8.40; lambs, natives, $8.10 to $10.75.

ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

South St. Paul, April 30.—Receipts: 2,300 cattle, 8,900 hogs. No Canadians. Market—Cattle, killers, week; stockers and feeders steady. Hogs, strong to five cents higher.

Cattle sold as follows: Butchers' steers, $6.50 to $7.40; cows — heifers, $4.40 to $6.75; bulls, $4.50 to $5.85; cutters and canners, $4.00 to $4.25; veal calves, $3.50 to $7.50; stock and feeding steers, $5.50 to $7.50; cows, heifers, $3.00 to $6.75; bulls, $4.25 to $6.35; hogs ranged $7.25 to $7.45.

FOREIGN CONDITIONS

Liverpool, April 30.—Hungary—Weather against crop developments.

Russia—Weather has turned warm, but the soil is very wet and spring sowing is impeded.

Germany—Very little damage was done to autumn sowings; snow cover was ample. Spring sowing is on a large scale, with the acreage greatly increased.

Italy—Crop and weather reports are generally favorable. Foreign wheat is being distributed among 66 syndicates at an average price of 68s 6d. per 480 pounds. Further purchases are necessary.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, April 30.—Wheat—Easier American cables offset by firmer Indian offers, dearer Plate and Manitoba offers. Argentine shipment lighter, but the amount to the United Kingdom was liberal. Spot market easier. Unchanged to 2d. lower, with cargoes firm and winters barely 1½d. decline.

The continent is again bidding for "on passage wheat." American crop advices are combining to exert an easier feeling here.

Corn—Argentine shipments are lighter. Plate offers very firm and cargoes mostly 3d higher. Weather mild and consumption reduced. American offers liberal. Indian shipments 96,000, all to United Kingdom. Next week estimated 248,000, all to United Kingdom. Weather fine, offers light.

France—Native offers light. Foreign arrivals smaller. Paris prices advancing. Country markets strong.

WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Friday, April 30, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.62⅛	$1.58⅞
2 Nor. wheat	1.60	1.54⅞
3 Nor. wheat	1.57⅞	1.48⅞
No. 3 yellow corn	..	..
3 white oats	.59⅞	..
Barley	..	..
Flax, No. 1	1.78½	..
Futures—		
May wheat	1.62⅛	1.56⅞
July wheat	1.62⅛	1.52⅞
Oct. wheat	1.24⅞	Sept. 1.21⅞
	Winnipeg	**Chicago**
Beef Cattle, top	$8.50	$8.75
Hogs, top	7.90	7.80
Sheep, yearlings	7.50	8.40

Winnipeg Livestock

Stockyard Receipts

Receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards during the past week have been as follows: 609 cattle, 80 calves, 7,341 hogs and 123 sheep.

Cattle

The run of cattle has been for some time past particularly light and this has had something to do with the uniformly good prices which have been received for this class of stock. The Winnipeg market has been constantly somewhat higher than markets to the South and East. The local demand here is particularly good and for the small run of choice animals this week the top price paid was $8.50. Choice heifer stock too is in demand at almost as high prices as steer stock. A few choice cows have been selling at $7.50, with an odd choice heifer as high as the steers, namely, $8.50. It is scarcely advisable to buy in the country to sell here on these prices since the chances are that the local price is somewhat high. If it continues some Eastern stuff may be shipped in and of course any heavy shipments would lower the market immediately. Generally speaking the cattle market situation thruout the continent is strong and prices are expected to be comparatively high for stock for some time to come. Medium and common grades of butcher cattle have advanced with the rest and the market, with the exception perhaps of stockers and feeders, is a full 25 cents higher. Good quality yearling and two-year-old steers are selling around $8.50. Best veals are $8.00 to $8.50, with heavy calves $5.50 to $6.50.

Hogs

Hog prices have not been so good at times during the past week. There have been a few more coming and, in sympathy with Southern markets, the price has declined. On Wednesday $7.85 to $7.90 was paid for selects and on Thursday $8.00 was top price. Friday $8.10 was paid and on Saturday the market was fairly strong at the same price. Receipts are not heavy and the fact that a large number of British army contracts are placed with Canadian packers both tend to keep the price for hogs up. Choice hogs can be quoted at $8.00, good lights are $6.50 to $7.00 sows 6 cents and stags 4½ cents.

Sheep and Lambs

There are scarcely any sheep and lambs being received at the yards. Prices are nominal, but can be quoted at: Best yearling lambs, $7.50 to $8.00, and best mutton sheep, $6.50.

Country Produce

Note.—Quotations are f.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are f.o.b. point of shipment.

Butter

There is so little butter being received by merchants as coming from the farms just now that prices quoted can only be nominal. The same prices rule just now, but dealers say that when seeding is over and butter comes to market in quantity there is every probability that the price will drop. Fancy dairy butter is 28 to 30 cents per pound. No. 1 dairy is 23 cents and good round lots 18 to 20 cents.

Eggs

The number of eggs coming to market is large still and the movement Westward noted last week has largely ceased. Eggs are worth 18 cents per dozen.

Potatoes

Farmers are commencing to bring potatoes to market now. Still there is a large amount of work left to be done on the land before seeding is completed and it is likely that no large quantities of the stored potatoes will come onto the market until the third week in May. When unloading does commence dealers expect the price to drop. Prices just now are the same as last week, namely, 50 to 55 cents per bushel.

Milk and Cream

Large quantities of cream are being received, creamery butter prices have come down in Eastern markets and hence the price of cream has dropped two cents this week. On Monday, May 3, sweet cream will be worth 34 cents per pound of butter-fat, sour cream will be 31 cents and milk remains the same at $2.00 per hundred.

Dressed Poultry

There is very little dressed poultry coming to market now. However, both the demand and price are good so that well dressed chickens are worth 20 cents per pound and roosters 15 cents per pound. None of the other kinds of poultry are being received at this time of the year.

Hay

Hay is in good demand and prices are firm on best grades of fodder. No. 1 Timothy is worth $20.00 per ton; No. 2, $18.00; No. 1 Red Top, $15.00; No. 2, $13.00 to $14.00; No. 1 Upland, $14.00; No. 2, $12.00 to $13.50; No. 1 Midland, $11.00 to $12.00, and No. 2, $9.00 to $11.00. The market for straw is fair, offers being from $6.00 to $7.00 per ton.

Hides

Hides are the same this week. The weather is getting warm and it is necessary now to salt hides before shipping. In the present market it is very advisable to ship promptly to realize before any further decline occurs. To cure a hide properly it is first necessary to trim it, cutting off the horns, tail-bones and sinews, then spread the hide on the floor and sprinkle salt evenly and freely over the flesh side. In this way pile one hide on the other, flesh side up, head on head, tail on tail. It will take a week or more to cure hides thoroughly. When hides have lain over a week in salt they will do to tie up and ship, after having shaken off the surplus salt. For a large hide it will take about a pail of salt and a less quantity for a smaller hide or calfskin in proportion to size. Green hides are one to two cents less than salted. Prices are: green salted, unbranded, 25 lbs. and up, 11½ to 10½ cents; branded, 10 cents; bulls, 40 lbs. and up, 9 to 8 cents; veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 13 to 11½ cents; kip, 8 to 25 lbs., 12 to 10½ cents.

ARBOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, May 3, is Arbor Day and hence a public holiday in Manitoba and this issue of The Guide consequently goes to press on Saturday. Prices quoted this week are those prevailing up to and including Saturday, May 1.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from April 27 to May 1 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
Apr. 27	161¼	159⅛	156½	..	..	..	..	62¾	59⅞	59⅞	..	..	..	..	..	..	177	174	..	..
28	163¼	161¼	158¾	..	..	..	..	64½	61⅞	61¼	59⅞	58⅞	..	..	..	..	177½	174½	..	..
29	163	160⅞	158⅜	..	148⅜	..	..	63½	60⅞	60¼	..	..	..	..	..	..	178¼	175½	..	..
30	162¼	160	157¾	152¼	147¼	..	..	62⅞	59¾	59¾	58¾	57½	..	..	..	..	178½	175⅝	..	..
May 1	163	160¾	158½	153¼	148	143½	..	63⅞	60⅞	60⅞	59½	58½	..	63	63	63	179¼	176¼	..	..
3	ARBOR DAY HOLIDAY					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE — CORRECTED TO SATURDAY, MAY 1

Winnipeg Grain	SAT.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat			
No. 1 Nor.	163	163⅞	90½
No. 2 Nor.	160¾	161⅞	89⅞
No. 3 Nor.	158½	159½	87½
No. 4	153¼	..	83⅞
No. 5	148	..	78
No. 6	143½	..	73
Feed	..	..	68
Cash Oats			
No. 2 CW	63⅞	65	36½
Cash Barley			
No. 3	..	..	46½
Cash Flax			
No. 1 NW	179¼	178¾	136
Wheat Futures			
May	163¼	164⅛	91½
July	163½	163⅞	93¾
October	125½	125½	87⅞
Oat Futures			
May	63½	65¼	36⅞
July	64⅞	66	37¼
Flax Futures			
May	179½	179⅞	136
July	182¾	182½	139½
October	186½	186	137½

Winnipeg Livestock	SATURDAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cattle	$ c. $ c.	$ c. $ c.	$ c. $ c.
Choice steers	8.25-8.50	7.75-8.25	7.25-7.50
Best butcher steers and heifers	8.00-8.25	7.75-8.00	6.50-7.00
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	7.50-7.75	7.25-7.50	6.25-6.50
Best fat cows	6.75-7.00	6.50-6.65	5.50-6.00
Medium cows	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50
Common cows	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50
Choice heifers	7.50-8.00	6.75-7.00	5.25-5.50
Best bulls	5.25-5.75	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.25
Com'n and medium bulls	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.00
Best feeding steers	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	.....
Best stocker steers	5.75-6.25	5.75-6.25	.....
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$65-$80	$65-$75
Common milkers and springers (each)	$50-$60	$50-$60	$45-$50
Hogs			
Choice hogs	$8.00	$8.00	$8.00-$8.10
Heavy sows	$6.00	$5.50	$6.25
Stags	$4.50	$4.50	$4.25
Sheep and Lambs			
Choice lambs	$7.50-$8.00	$7.50-$8.00	.....
Best killing sheep	$6.50	$6.50	.....

Country Produce	SAT'RDAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Butter (per lb.)			
Fancy dairy	28c-30c	28c-30c	20c-21c
No. 1 dairy	23c	23c	18c
Good round lots	18c-20c	18c-20c	15c-16c
Eggs (per doz.)			
Strictly new laid	18c	18c	18c
Potatoes			
In sacks, per bushel	50c-55c	50c-55c	75c-80c
Milk and Cream			
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	34c	36c	28c
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	31c	33c	25c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2.00	$2.00	$1.75
Dressed Poultry			
Chickens	20c	20c	...
Roosters	15c	15c	...
Ducks	...	...	...
Geese	...	...	...
Turkeys	...	...	...
Hay (per ton)			
No. 2 Red Top	$13-$14	$13-$14	$12-$13
No. 2 Upland	$12-13½	$12-13½	$11-$12
No. 2 Timothy	$18.00	$18.00	$16
No. 2 Midland	$9-$11	$9-$11	...