

GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

Grain Growers' Grain Company's Office, April 3, 1911.

Wheat. During this week wheat has declined considerably, the decline being traceable to a poor export demand for both wheat and flour, and the improved crop prospects in the United States consequent upon a light snow fall in some localities and rain in others. It is expected that negotiation will open between April 15 and April 25 and the shifting of stocks at that time may have a little influence on the market. Wheat stocks at the terminals are about 120 million bushels greater than they were last year at this time. Wheat has touched a new low level for the last four years, and it may quite easily develop that the decline has gone far enough. Deliveries by the farmers will likely now be quite light, and it is the grain from elevators which is now coming ahead, as many of the elevators are now being closed.

Oats held quite steady until today, when they dropped one cent, being depressed by speculative selling. However, there is a well founded impression that oats are worth more than they are selling for at present, despite attempts which have been made by large interests to depress prices, and if our farmers are good holders, they will most probably get reap advantage in doing so.

Barley is holding steady, with a slightly stronger tendency. Farmers having barley which may be infested with wild oats should use every endeavor to clean the barley at home by removing the wild oats, and so lift it up to the No. 3 barley grade, as the spread at the present time between No. 3 and No. 4 Barley is 16 to 18 cents per bushel. At no time for many years past has there been such a spread.

Flax has a sensational decline due to lack of demand, but is now slowly working up. There is a good demand for some seed flax in car load lots, and farmers having any car loads of flax which would make good seed, cannot do better than communicate with this company quickly.

and there does not seem to be a large supply in the country.

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts			
Week Ending April 1			
	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R.	419	909	259
C. N. R.	161	157	
	580	1066	259
Disposition			
Feeders east	28		
Over west	74		
Consumed locally	480		

Cattle

There is little or no change on the cattle market. Prices for good stock remain firm but there are few choice animals to be had at any price. Today, April 4, two loads of first class butchers arrived at the yards. The owners asked \$6.50 per cent for them, but at this writing they had not been sold, although it looked as if the holders would get their price. The bulk of the stuff that is coming grades only medium and a lot of it poor.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Best butcher steers	\$5.75 to \$6.25
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	4.75 " 5.25
Best fat cows	4.75 " 5.00
Medium cows and heifers	4.25 " 4.50
Common cows	3.75 " 4.25
Best bulls	4.00 " 4.50
Common bulls	3.00 " 3.25
Stockers	3.50 " 3.75
Choice veal calves	5.50 " 6.00
Heavy calves	4.50 " 5.00

Hogs

The bulk of hogs marketed last week sold at \$7.50 per cwt., but packers are now talking lower prices following a drop in the East. Some of them, in their letters to the country, are quoting as low as \$7.00. Receipts are not heavy

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	\$7.50
Heavy hogs	\$6.00 to 7.00
Stags	5.25 " 5.75

Sheep and Lambs

The demand for sheep and lambs is somewhat better than during the past few weeks and those that arrived sold readily.

Prices quoted are:

Good handy weight sheep	\$4.75 to \$5.25
Heavy sheep	4.50 " 4.75
Best lambs	5.50 " 6.00

Country Produce

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

The condition of the butter market may be summed up as strong for the best quality but weak for the lower grades. Fancy dairy would sell a cent higher per pound than last week, but the Number 1 grade is down a cent.

Dealers offer the following prices f.o.b. Winnipeg:

Fancy dairy	22c. to 25c.
No. 1 dairy	17c.
Good round lots without culls or mold	15c.
No. 2	14c.
No. 3	12c.

Eggs

Prices offered for first quality eggs are down a cent from last week, dealers paying 18 cents per dozen, f.o.b., Winnipeg.

Potatoes

Potato prices are firm at last week's quotations, 70 to 75 cents per bushel.

Hay

Dealers quote prices as follows, per ton on track, Winnipeg:

Wild Hay	\$13.00
No. 1	\$13.00
No. 2	\$11.00

No. 3	8.00
No. 4	6.00
1 rejected	3.00
Timothy	
No. 1	\$17.00
No. 2	15.00

EDMONTON MARKETS

Wheat, per ton	\$19.00 to \$22.00
Flour, per ton	12.00 to 13.00
Oats	14.00 to 15.00
Butter	16c. to 18c.
Choice dairy	20c.
Eggs	20c.
Strictly fresh, per doz.	20c.
Poultry	
Per bushel	60c.
Butter	18c.
Chickens	13c. to 15c.
Ducks	12c.
Geese	15c.
Turkeys	40c.
Live Stock	
Butcher cattle	\$2.25 to \$2.50
Hogs	6.00 " 6.75
Lambs	5.00 " 6.00
Calves	5.50 " 6.00

RETAIL MARKET

Retailers offer the following prices f.o.b. Winnipeg:

Butter	
Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. blocks	22c.
Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks	25c.
Eggs	
Strictly fresh gathered	22c.
Dressed Poultry	
Spring chickens, dry-plucked, drawn, head and feet off	22c.
Fowls, shipped same as chickens 16c. to 17c.	
Turkeys, dressed and drawn	25c. to 28c.
Geese, dressed and drawn	21c.

Note: For the retail trade chickens and fowl must be dry plucked and not scalded.

Dressed Meat

Quotations for dressed meat given by retail butchers show no change from last week.

Beef	
Prime carcasses	9c.
Front quarters	7 1/2c. to 8c.
Rind quarters	10c.
Pork	
Prime carcasses	10 1/2c. to 11c.
Veal (Skins on)	9c.
Heavy and inferior	8c. to 8 1/2c.

NEWS

HIDES, TALLOW AND WOOL

Green salted hides, unbranded	7c. to 8c.
branded	6 1/2c. to 7c.
red calves, 8 to 12 lbs.	9 1/2c. to 10c.
kg. 15 to 25 lbs.	7c. to 8c.
dozens, under 8 lbs.	10c. to 11c.
Dry Salt Butchers	14c.
rough, fells or ranch, over 14 lbs.	10c. to 11c.
hulls	8c. to 9c.
kg. 3 to 12 lbs.	10c.
red, under 10 lbs.	14c.
Green tallow, hide and tap	6 1/2c. to 7c.
calves	4 1/2c. to 5c.
Wool	8 1/2c. to 10 1/2c.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Following are the closing quotations on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange during the past week, on wheat, oats and flax for May, July and October delivery:

Wheat	May	July	18c.
March 29	91 1/2	91 1/2	88 1/2
March 30	90 1/2	92 1/2	89 1/2
March 31	90 1/2	92 1/2	89 1/2
April 1	89 1/2	91 1/2	88 1/2
April 2	89 1/2	90 1/2	87 1/2
April 3	89 1/2	90 1/2	87 1/2
April 4	89 1/2	90 1/2	87 1/2
Oats			
March 29	53 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2
March 30	53 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2
March 31	53 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2
April 1	53 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2
April 2	53 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2
April 3	53 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2
April 4	53 1/2	54 1/2	51 1/2
Flax			
March 29	227	223	
March 30	227	230	
March 31	228	230	
April 1	228	225	
April 2	229	230	
April 3	229	230	
April 4	229	230	

QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from MAR. 29 to APR. 4, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT							OATS			BARLEY			FLAX					
	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	6'	Feed	Ref. 11	Ref. 12	Ref. 21	Ref. 22	Ref. 1'	Ref. 2'	2cw. 1cw.	3	4	Ref. Feed.	(NW 1 Man. Ref)	
MAR. 29	88 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	78 1/2	73	66	60							32				252	
30	89 1/2	86 1/2	84 1/2	79 1/2	74 1/2	66 1/2	60							32 1/2	65	50		254	
31	88 1/2	86	83 1/2	78 1/2	73 1/2	66 1/2	60							32 1/2	65	50		254	
APR. 1	88	84 1/2	83 1/2	78 1/2	73	65 1/2	60							31 1/2	65	50		255	
2	87 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2	77 1/2	71 1/2	64 1/2	60							31	66	50		255	
3	88	85	83	77 1/2	72 1/2	65 1/2	60							31 1/2	70	50		256	
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CANADIAN VISIBLE

(Official to Winnipeg Grain Exchange)

Wheat	Oats	Barley
March 31		
Total wheat	8,995,918	1,430,163
Last week	18,537,897	2,718,983
Last year	19,447,951	6,958,936

Deer Harbor	58,361	30,764
Medford	85,393	19,547
Midland, Tiffin	317,953	535,193
Collingwood	38,500	
Owen Sound	17,903	43,877
Godolph	282,432	1,000
Sarnia, Pt. Ed.	199,235	1,000
Pt. Colborne	497,091	36,123
Kingston	34,000	22,500
Prescott	55,700	
Montreal	479,929	508,044
Quebec	18,100	39,000
St. John, N. B.	328,918	180,584
Victoria Harbor	199,578	145,548

AFLOAT IN HARBORS

Wheat	Oats	Barley
Fort William	584,548	230,548
Tiffin		130,000
Collingwood		137,000
Duluth		100,000
Buffalo		432,023
	528,923	830,942

VISIBLE SUPPLY

Wheat decreased 2,517,000, corn decreased 218,000, oats decreased 612,000.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Ill., April 3.—Cattle—Receipts estimated 25,000, market strong for good grades, other week lower, \$5.20 to \$6.85, Texas steers, \$4.50 to \$5.75, western steers, \$4.90 to \$5.90, calves and heifers, \$4.00 to \$5.75, cows and calves, \$2.70 to \$3.80, heavy, \$4.75 to \$6.75.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

Liverpool, April 3.—John Rogers & Co., state that there was brisk trade at Bournemouth fair today, and Saturday quotations again varied, viz. States steers, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c.; Canadian, 13 1/2 to 13 3/4c.; Lambs, 17c.; Wetters, 15 cents per pound, sinking.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, April 3.—Receipts 122 cars, with 2,669 head of cattle, 227 sheep and 89 calves. With the heavy run of cattle on hand buyers looked for a little easing off in prices. Butchers bought heavily and having large offerings to choose from, sellers found it a little difficult to maintain prices at the best levels of last week. Export trade was fair, but little slow. Medium qualities were inclined easier, but choice qualities export cattle were steady to firm, top for loads of export being \$6.10, one load at \$6.12; and a bunch of one extra choice steers at \$6.25 to \$6.50, good butcher cows, \$4.50 to \$6.00, good bulls, \$4.00 to \$5.00, sheep, \$6.00 to \$7.50. Spring lambs, \$5.00 to \$8.00 each. Hogs, market weak and low. Selects \$6.40 f.o.b., and \$6.70 f.o.b. and watered. Heavy hogs, over \$60 lbs., culled at 50c. less than above.

AMERICAN BARLEY

Closing prices on the various American markets for barley were as follows: Chicago, April 3.—Barley closed 53c. to \$1.07. Milwaukee, April 3.—Closing prices for barley were: Medium, \$1.01 to \$1.06; No. 3, \$1.00 to \$1.05; No. 4, 99c. rejected, 75c. to 90c.; Wisconsin, \$1.00 to \$1.05.