



GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

Wheat.—The close of February saw wheat at about the lowest point so far in this year's crop, with the market heavy and at the same time nervous in view of the reciprocity pact being still in the air. The fact that the American house has not passed the reciprocity treaty at its recent session, but that it is to be taken up at an extra session, to be called April 4th, means a further uncertainty for the next few weeks. However, for the last week the American visible supply has decreased considerably, and the world's visible is slightly worked down, so that the market should now be more susceptible to an upward turn although we would suggest the wisdom of selling wheat on any ledge of one or two cents over 90 cents for No. 1 Northern. The export demand has not been quite so good the past week, and it would appear as if the importers of the North European countries will now be looking forward to the arrival of large quantities of Russian wheat to come from the Black Sea ports, where navigation is shortly opening. Sentiment is now very much mixed. Clean seed wheat is in good demand in many localities, and farmers having perfectly clean No. 1 Northern wheat would do well to advertise it for seed.

Oats.—Since the decline on February 27th, oats have held very dull and steady, with a considerable quantity taken for export at the opening of navigation. However, oats have gone so exceedingly low that growers should find it to their advantage to keep their oats at home until late summer, or early next season. Some leading oat growers have remarked to us lately that they are going back from oats to wheat and flax, finding the oat market the last two years uncertain and most of the time unsatisfactory. The seed demand for No. 1 Canadian Western oats to go to Ontario and Quebec, will be likely gone now in another week, after which time No. 1 Canadian Western oats at the terminals will be worth no more than No. 2 Canadian Western oats. Considerable quantities of oats are being moved into Southern Manitoba, Southern Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta, at prices much above those which may be obtained by shipping through to the terminals.

Barley. has been dull with no demand the last few days. However, as it is likely that reciprocity will pass, holders of barley should make up their minds to wait another five or six weeks. Clean seed barley is going to be in big demand in Southern Manitoba, and farmers having clean barley should not ship away to terminals, but should advertise it for seed.

Flax is holding somewhat steadier than usual, with only a spasmodic demand.

LIVERPOOL SPOT CASH

(Cash Trade News, Feb. 21, 1911.)

Wheat	7/8 approx	81 07 0-5
1 North. Manitoba	7/8	1 11
2 North. Manitoba	7/8	1 07 0-5
3 North. Manitoba	7/8	1 06 1-5
4 Manitoba	7/8	1 02 3-5
Choice White Karachi	7/8	1 03 4-5
Cleaned terms	7/8	1 03 4-5
Plate	6/11 1/2	1 00 1-5
Southern Plate, new	6/8	90
Russia	6/8	1 15 1-5
Asia, old	7/8	1 07 0-5

No. 5	485,949 50	75,885 80
No. 5 white	419,424 25	509,078 25
Mixed	2,479 50	2,530 15
Other grades	999,222 10	600,844 00

Stocks of Oats	1910	1911
No. 1 C. W.	227,175 11	288,449 12
No. 2 C. W.	3,294,549 10	2,744,992 30
Other grades	538,253 50	174,277 01

Stocks of Barley	1910	1911
No. 3	323,500 00	474,232 00
Flax	374,548 00	253,997 00

WINNIPEG FUTURES

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

Wheat	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
Mar. 1	91	91	91	91
Mar. 2	91	91	91	91
Mar. 3	91	91	91	91
Mar. 4	91	91	91	91
Mar. 5	91	91	91	91
Mar. 6	91	91	91	91
Mar. 7	91	91	91	91

WORLD'S SHIPMENTS

Total world's wheat shipments 12,352,000, last week 12,600,000, last year 12,400,000. Comparison by countries was as follows—

	This week	Last week	Last year
America	2,208,000	2,734,000	4,112,000
Russia	3,034,000	4,532,000	2,932,000
India	992,000	472,000	502,000
China	280,000	928,000	351,000
Argentina	2,556,000	2,284,000	4,184,000
Australia	1,160,000	2,026,000	4,100,000
Chile	104,000	82,000	—
Corn	4,037,000	3,747,000	1,516,000

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK

Montreal, March 1.—Receipts at the C.P.R. east end market to-day were: 670 cattle, 1,083 hogs, 100 sheep and lambs and 800 calves. Prices were steady at Monday's decline, choice stock selling at \$6.85 and medium at \$5.50 to \$5.75, cows \$5.75 to \$5.50, bulls \$5.75 to \$5.50. Sheep were firmer at \$4.50 to \$4.75, and lambs at \$6.50 to \$6.75. Hogs were weaker at \$7.25 to \$7.50, and sows \$6.25 to \$6.50. Calves sold all the way from \$3 to \$12.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK

Liverpool, March 6.—John Rogers and Co. state to-day that although the demand was very small in Birkenhead, the extremely light supply of cattle kept the market steady, and Saturday's quotations were unaltered:

States steers from	12 1/2	15 1/2
Canadians from	12 1/2	15 1/2

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Returns

WEEK ENDING MARCH 4	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R.	117	265	—
C. N. R.	159	219	—
G. T. P.	59	23	—
Total	335	507	—

Disposition	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Feeders East	—	66	—
Feeders West	—	45	—
Down West	—	29	—
Consumed locally	495	—	—

Cattle

Receipts were light as they will probably continue to be until the spring runs of fed stuff. Prices held steady at \$6.00 for choice butchers while a few fancy animals will above this point. Dealers all state that they look for high prices for a long time yet and that the winter fed animals should fetch record prices when they start to come.

Best butcher steers	85.75 to 86.00
Fair to good butcher steers	—
and heifers	4.75 " 5.00
Best fat cows	4.75 " 5.00
Medium cows and heifers	4.25 " 4.50
Common cows	3.25 " 3.50
Best bulls	3.50 " 4.00
Common bulls	3.00 " 3.25
Stockers	3.50 " 3.75
Choice veal calves	5.00 " 5.50
Heavy Calves	4.50 " 5.00

Hogs

Packers are doing their best to pound down the price of hogs. All in their letters, are, and have been for some time, offering but \$7.50 for best porkers. However, they have not yet succeeded in getting many at that price. Last week the bulk sold at \$7.75 per cwt. and quite a few brought \$8.00. So far this week no hogs have arrived.

Choice hogs	87.75
Heavy sows	86.00 to 7.00
Stags	5.25 " 5.75

Sheep and Lambs

Arrivals last week were nil and dealers show no interest in the market.

Best sheep	85.25 to 85.50
Yearlings	5.75 " 6.00

Country Produce

WHOLESALE MARKET

Butter

There is no change from last week in the situation on the butter market. Wholesalers quote the following prices f.o.b. Winnipeg:

Fancy dairy	24c. to 25c.
No. 1 dairy	23c.
Good round lots without culls	—
or mold	18c. " 19c.
No. 2	17c.
No. 3	14c. " 15c.

Eggs

Dealers are still offering twenty-four cents per dozen for new laid eggs.

Hay

Prices offered show no change from last week. Dealers quote prices as follows per ton, on track, Winnipeg:

Wild Hay	
No. 1	815 00
No. 2	11 00
No. 3	9 00
No. 4	6 00
1 rejected	85.50 to 6 00
Timothy	
No. 1	817 00
No. 2	15 00

Potatoes

Dealers offer 90 cents per bushel for good stock.

RETAIL MARKET

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

Butter	
Strictly fancy dairy in 1 lb. bricks	23c.
Strictly fancy dairy, gal. crocks	27c.
Eggs	
Strictly fresh gathered	30c.
Dressed Poultry	
Spring chickens, dry plucked, drawn, head and feet off	27c.
Fowl, shipped same as chickens	16c. to 17c.
Turkeys, dressed and drawn	23c. " 24c.
Ducks, dressed and drawn	18c.
Geese, dressed and drawn	21c.

Notes

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	7jc. to 8c.
Hind quarters	10jc.
Pork	
Prime carcasses	10jc. to 11c.
Veal (Skins on)	9c.
Prime carcasses	9c.
Heavy and inferior	8 to 8jc.

HIDES, TALLOW AND WOOL

Dealers quote prices as follows:

Green frozen hide and kip	6jc. flat
Green frozen calves	—
Tallow	4jc. to 5jc.
Seneca root	30c.
Wool	8jc. to 10jc.

EDMONTON MARKETS

(By Special Wire)

Hay	
Slough, per ton	8 6.00 to 810.00
Upland, per ton	9.00 " 11.00
Timothy, per ton	16.00 " 18.00
Oats	
Best feed	32c. to 34c.
Butter	
Choice dairy	24c. to 33c.
Eggs	
Strictly fresh, per doz.	28c. to 32c.
Potatoes	
Per bushel	45c. to 50c.
Poultry	
Chickens	16c. to 18c.
Turkeys	23c.
Live Stock	
Butcher cattle	85.50 to 85.00
Bulls	2.50 " 3.50
Hogs	7.00
Lambs	6.50
Calves	6.00

QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from MAR. 1 to MAR. 7, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT						OATS		BARLEY		FLAX	
	1'	2'	3'	4	5	6	Feed	Rej. 1'	Rej. 2'	Rej. 1'	Rej. 2'	1NW 1 Mas. Rej
MAR. 1	88 1/2	86	83 1/2	78 1/2	74 1/2	66	60	..	..	..	..	..
2	89	86 1/2	84 1/2	79	75 1/2	67 1/2	60	..	..	..	..	246
3	89	86 1/2	84 1/2	79 1/2	75 1/2	67 1/2	60	..	..	..	..	244
4	90	87 1/2	85 1/2	80	74 1/2	68	60	..	..	..	..	245
6	89 1/2	86 1/2	84 1/2	79	74	67	60	..	..	..	..	244
7	88 1/2	86	83 1/2	78 1/2	73 1/2	66 1/2	60	..	..	..	..	245